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## LOAN CASE ENDS.

### ASPERSIONS ON BROKER RESENTED.

#### FINAL ADDRESS.

In his address this morning, Mr. Eldon Potter, counsel for the plaintiffs in the action brought by the stockbroking firm of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, for the recovery of an alleged loan of \$37,600 from the Man Chuen Bank, dwelt at some length on what he described as the improbability, firstly, of the defendant's wish not to break faith as being the motive for his pursuance of the arrangements for the loan through Messrs. Lammert's; and, secondly, of Lammert's coming into Court to deliberately commit perjury when such a step served no conceivable purpose. As regards the first of these points, there had been shown the urgency of the Bank's need for the loan, and, as regards the second, counsel asked:—What motive could induce Lammert's to say that he had the money to lend to Tsang, when, according to Tsang's own evidence, Lammert had said that he could not lend the money himself? Would Chan, their authorised clerk, have taken this responsibility on himself by going to Tsang to say that Lammert's had the money? Chan would have then placed himself in a most unfortunate position.

Counsel next dealt with Mr. Nissim's evidence and alluded to Mr. Jenkin's complete silence on this in his address, when in fact Mr. Nissim's evidence furnished a very important point in the case as showing that although no actual contact was established on June 6th between Mr. Nissim and the defendant, yet what passed when Mr. Chan acted as intermediary between them in Lee House Street, must have made the fact aware to defendant that in the negotiations Mr. Chan and Messrs. Lammert's were acting only as agents.

The question of defendant being ignorant of Moxon and Taylor's vital interest in the loan was next referred to by Mr. Potter, who quoted from Lammert's letter to the Stock Exchange on 14th September as establishing that, at all material stages of the arrangements, the position of the defendant vis-a-vis Messrs. Moxon and Taylor was clearly fixed and understood. It was fantastic, said counsel, for the other side to raise the question that Lammert's were only dealing with Dastur, and not with Messrs. Moxon and Taylor as a firm.

Later, Mr. Potter, in referring to the absence of the defendant's name in the account books of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, said that it was the normal and ordinary way of entering the transaction in the case of the undisclosed principal, and in the present instance it met all practical purposes, for the time being, to enter the item under the heading of Lammert's. It was also the normal and ordinary way on the Stock Exchange for brokers not to endorse cheques which passed between them, and in the present instance, as in others, Lammert's gave their own cheque to the defendant.

The answer to a criticism by his learned friend was as that given by Mr. Lammert. It was obvious whether Lammert's were agents or principals—it was immaterial in this argument—that Lammert's should have taken on a loss of \$100 in taking the shares from the defendant bank at 196 and turning them over to Moxon and Taylor at 190½.

Proceeding, Mr. Potter said:—As regards this attack on Mr. Birkett, in which, of course, Mr. Lammert is involved with him, unfortunately, when you remember it for the nice things which my learned friend says of him, it is

## TROUBLE BREWING AT SHEKKI.

### RESENTMENT AT OFFICIAL ORDER.

#### MORE REFUGEES.

Hundreds of refugees still pour into Macao from the hitherto peaceful township of Shekki, according to reports to hand this morning, which indicate that serious trouble is brewing as the result of an order sent by Chan Kung-pok, the Chief of the Labour Department, to the effect that the businesses of the three principal vegetable dealers are to be closed down forthwith.

Shekki, of course, is the biggest marketing centre in the Heungshan district, and her merchants control the export of vegetables to Macao and Hongkong. The public are resentful, it is stated, at the total injustice of the order, which was conveyed to the Magistrate telegraphically a few days ago.

Our correspondent points out that the trouble arose through illegal picket activity, followed by the capricious demands of the strikers, and the public opinion is that the carrying out of such an order would constitute nothing less than condonation of their various offences against the peace and good order of the district.

The Magistrate up to the present has taken no step to carry out the order, and the police are said to have frankly refused to enforce the closing down of the premises.

The deputy sent by the Department of Labour and Agriculture has been making every endeavour to bring about a settlement of the general strike, but the strikers are unreasonable and so far his efforts have come to naught.

## MOTOR FATALITY.

### CHINESE GIRL DIES AFTER ACCIDENT.

Of the motor mishaps that occurred yesterday, one had fatal results. A Chinese girl, seven years of age, living in the married quarters at Mong Kok Police Station, was knocked down by motor car No. 1119, in Coronation Road, Kowloon.

She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but her parents took her home after she had been attended to. She died during the night.

A Chinese boy received injuries to his head, when he ran across Queen's Road East, near the Grand Theatre, and was struck by a mudguard of car No. 1910. He was taken to the Tung Wah Hospital, but was not detained.

The driver of motor lorry 1443 has reported to the police that when driving along Queen's Road Central, he stopped to avoid a collision with a hand truck, which was coming from Jubilee Street. The lorry skidded, and knocked down a Chinese girl, aged ten years. She was bruised on the forehead, but refused to go to hospital.

## CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

### SEQUEL TO ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Owing to the prosecution's witnesses having absconded, a charge of attempted murder preferred against a young Chinese, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was withdrawn by the Crown and the defendant was accordingly discharged.

The defendant was arrested in connection with the attempted murder of a money-changer of Lai-chikok. It will be recalled that on the night of February 25, whilst the complainant was in his shop, an unknown person approached the premises, produced a revolver and fired at the money-changer, inflicting an abdominal wound.

## FRENCH "SCENE."

### SENSATIONAL INCIDENT IN CHAMBER.

#### MINISTER FAINTS.

Paris, March 18.

A ministerial statement by the new Briand Government has been read in the Senate and Chamber. It stated that the Government was anxious finally to settle inter-Alleied indebtedness and would pursue the negotiations, which at present were in a promising condition; and it would strive to end the antagonisms of Europe as it did at Geneva within the framework of the League of Nations. The fact that Germany's entry into the League had been adjourned was not the fault of the Locarno signatories. France's financial problem still awaited solution, and the Government was in duty bound to secure a completely and unequivocally balanced budget. The Government demanded a prompt vote on the Bill restoring single-member Constituencies. Its paramount aim was "achievement," for the country had suffered too long from discord and crises, and wanted to feel itself governed.—*Reuter.*

Later.

The Chamber has passed a vote of confidence in M. Briand's new Ministry by 361 vote to 164.—*Reuter.*

#### A NOISY SITTING.

Later.

After M. Briand had read the above Ministerial Declaration, he said that the Government, owing to the necessity of resuming the financial debate as soon as possible, only accepted for immediate discussion an interpellation on the constitution of the Cabinet.

This was accepted without a division, but the Chamber was soon feverishly excited by a Royalist Deputy's criticism of M. Malvy (the new Minister of the Interior) whom M. Briand stoutly defended till a din of protests from the Right obliged the Premier to resume his seat.

Subsequently, as the result of M. Herriot's appeal to the Chamber, M. Briand proceeded. He claimed that an agreement had been achieved at Geneva and urged the necessity of voting funds. He concluded by saying:—"If you intend to overthrow the Government, do it immediately."

After loud applause from the Left and the Centre, M. Barillet, a Member of the Right, re-attacked M. Malvy, whom he charged with having on his hands the blood of men shot for indiscipline in 1917 and who had been led astray by M. Malvy's defeatist campaign.

M. Malvy sprang to his feet and passionately protested. He appealed to M. Briand to allow him to resign if he would be a hindrance to the Cabinet.

"I am not a coward," interjected M. Briand, and M. Malvy then collapsed and fainted, and had to be carried out of the Chamber amid intense excitement.

The sitting was temporarily suspended.

When the Chamber resumed, M. Briand defended M. Malvy's honour. After the vote of confidence had been taken, the House adjourned until Monday.—*Reuter.*

The Socialists voted with the Government as a mark of sympathy with M. Malvy, but have declared that they reserve full liberty of future action, particularly as regards the Government's financial measures.—*Reuter.*

## TRAGIC BOMB OUTRAGE.

### TWENTY KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

#### BANDITS' REVENGE.

A tragic commentary on the existing chaos in Kwangtung is contained in the news that twenty Chinese were killed and over fifty seriously wounded as the result of the refusal of the elders of a village in Hok Shan district to meet a demand for five thousand dollars "immunity fee" by a gang of bandits headed by the notorious brigand leader, Ho Pak.

A travelling troupe of actors were giving performances in a bamboo structure in the "centre" of the village, and the first night's performance passed off without incident.

At midnight, exactly, on the following night, a loud explosion occurred in the middle of the audience, followed almost simultaneously by six other explosions in other parts of the building. There appears to have been a mad scramble for the exits and over a hundred were more or less injured in the panic which followed. Twenty people had been killed outright by the bomb explosions and fifty were seriously wounded.

The terrible toll was exacted after the elders had taken every possible precaution. Having ignored the demand for immediate payment, which came a few days

## OLD WAR CLAIMS.

### 3,000 Filed in Washington.

London, March 18.

The *Morning Post* correspondent at Washington says three thousand claims have been filed in the State Department against Britain for violation of neutral rights in wartime, many of these being frivolous.

The correspondent recalls decisions by the United States Supreme Court against English shippers during the Civil War to show that a Court, in pursuance of those rulings, would be compelled to reject the present claims.—*Reuter's American Service.*

before the performance was scheduled to begin, a considerable number of extra local Guards were enrolled, and other means were employed to obtain warning of any likely attack.

The merciless vengeance taken by Ho Pak came in an unexpected direction.

The elders are demanding that troops be sent from Canton to clear the district of the bandits.

## AMERICA'S POPULATION.

### ELEVEN MILLIONS GROWTH IN SIX YEARS.

New York, March 18.

The Census Bureau estimates that the population of the United States on August 1st will be 117,135,817, which is an increase of over eleven million since 1920.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## PRINCE'S HOLIDAY.

### TO VISIT THE CONTINENT.

Rugby, March 18.

It is announced that the Prince of Wales intends to visit the Continent at Easter or early in April. He may possibly visit Biarritz, among other places. The period of his stay abroad is not likely to exceed ten days or a fortnight.—*British Wireless.*

## LEAGUE TANGLE.

### U. S. ATTITUDE ON WORLD COURT.

#### A NEW TURN.

Brussels, March 18.

Speaking to pressmen after his return to-day from Geneva, M. Vandervelde, in recalling M. Briand's remark about the revision of the constitution of the League pointed out that there were provisions in the Covenant which it would be difficult if not impossible to revise. He contended that permanent seats should be held by the Powers with general interests and if the idea of giving permanent seats to lesser Powers were admitted, it would be impossible to know where to stop. He declared that the result of the Geneva crisis was a check and not a catastrophe. The resignation of Belgium was unthinkable, and if the question of additional permanent seats to the Council came up again he would give full weight to Belgium's numerous claims for a permanent seat.—*Reuter.*

#### BRITISH REGRET.

London, March 18.

The Executive of the British League of Nations Union has unanimously resolved regretting that Germany was not immediately admitted to the League, and expressing astonishment and indignation that Germany's admission "was made the subject of secret bargains, pledges and even threats utterly at variance with the methods and spirit of the League." The resolution draws attention "to the extreme danger involved by the creation of any permanent and irremovable members whatsoever, except a few Great Powers, whose continuous presence is necessary to give strength and authority to the Council."

#### GERMANY NOT PROMISED MANDATES.

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, Capt. Walter Shaw (Cons.) declared that a provisional promise was given to Germany at Locarno to the effect that if she entered the League she might ultimately obtain a Colonial Mandate, and he asked whether the Dominions approved of such an undertaking.

Mr. Locker Lampson replied that it was indicated to the German delegation at Locarno that Germany, as a member of the League, would be a possible candidate for Colonial mandates like all other members, but it was incorrect to suggest that any promise or undertaking was given to the German Government.—*Reuter.*

#### AUSTRALIA'S ATTITUDE.

Melbourne, March 18.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Bruce said that the Commonwealth Government instructed its representatives at Geneva that it did not favour an increase in the permanent members of the League Council apart from Germany.—*Reuter.*

#### 'AMERICA'S WORLD COURT' RESERVATIONS.

Geneva, March 18.

A public sitting of the Council has agreed to a motion by Sir Austen Chamberlain to draw the attention of all Governments which have received from the Government of the United States a copy of the American Senate's resolution embodying the reservations governing the adherence of the United States to the World Court of Justice, to the difficulty of proceeding by a mere exchange of Notes and the consequent need for general agreement of the Council. The motion also proposed that all the Governments concerned, including the United States, should appoint delegates to participate in the discussion of the reservations, and frame a new agreement at the meeting of the Assembly of the Council.—*(Continued on Page 16.)*

## WHISKY THEFT ON PEAK.

### STOLEN FOR EMBROCATION PURPOSES.

#### THE LATEST EXCUSE.

The disappearance of a bottle of whisky (and half a pound of butter) from 370, The Peak, the residence of Mr. E. A. Leggart, led to a charge of house entering and stealing at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning.

Sergt. Walsh explained that the defendant had been formerly employed as a market cooler at the house, but was dismissed at the end of January. About 3.15 yesterday morning, the defendant went to the house and gained partial admittance through an unlocked door. He then went to a pantry where he took a key, with which he opened a door giving access to the main part of the building. Explaining how the arrest was effected, Sergt. Walsh said Indian constable saw the defendant in Plantation Road, walking in the direction of Barker Road. The constable had to threaten to fire before the defendant stopped. He then put the bottle of whisky down by the side of the road and turned back.

The defendant said he felt a pain in his chest, and he wanted the whisky to rub on his chest. He was sent to prison for three months.

## VOLUNTEER DINNER.

### PRESENTATIONS TO SCOTTISH OFFICERS.

At a dinner held at the Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters last night, the results of the Quarry Bay Cup Competition in connection with the Scottish Company were announced. The total points secured were as follows:—No. 7 Platoon, 500; No. 5 Platoon, 388; No. 6 Platoon, 238. The cup will be presented at the annual meeting to be held at Halloween.

During the evening, opportunity was also taken to make presentations to three officers who are going on Home leave, these being Captain J. B. Ross, Lieut. H. E. D. Adams and Lieut. K. S. Morrison. Lieut. D. C. Logan, M. C., who was in the chair, made the presentations, which were in the form of silver cigarette cases, and the recipients suitably replied.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a goodly attendance at the dinner, those present including many guests. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by songs, sword dances, etc., and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent.

## BRITAIN'S SAVINGS.

### WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH.

Rugby, March 18.

Some remarkable figures regarding small investors in Britain were given in an address by Mr. Walter Runciman, who said they showed that there was to-day a wider distribution of wealth in Britain than ever before. There were now about 16,000,000 capitalists in this country, he said, and the total amount of their savings was not far short of £2,000,000,000. Of this immense sum, £225,000,000 was deposited in the Post Office Savings Banks, £228,000,000 in National Savings Certificates, £196,000,000 in small Government holdings, £470,000,000 in ordinary and Industrial Life Assurance Funds, and £400,000,000 in other approved investments.

## PAKHOT'S FLIGHT.

### BRITISH HOUSE AS SOLDIERS' CLUB.

#### STRICT BOYCOTT.

Further news from Pakhot indicates that the situation there is worse than it ever has been. The boycott is being rigorously enforced, foreign goods confiscated and the residence of a well-known Britisher, Mr. G. E. Bell, turned into a Soldiers' Club on being seized by the authorities. So much is indicated in a letter from the *Telegraph* correspondent, dated 16th instant, which reads as follows:

When the old so-called army of Tang Poon-yan marched, or rather, fled from Pakhot a few months ago I think I can truthfully say the people were glad. For just one year the long-suffering merchants had been forced to feed and clothe them, not to mention the filling of the greedy General's pockets with coin, and had received in return nothing for their trouble. Bandits were reaping a great harvest, in many cases actually assisted by the rabble army of General Tang Poon-yan and others; villages were looted; the simple, plain, honest-hearted villagers murdered, and their homes burned with a heartlessness undreamt and unheard of by the oldest people in the community. Nightly, not only did the poor village people come into Pakhot and sleep in the streets for safety but brought with them their cattle and more valuable things as well. In some cases they prayed to be allowed to bring their cattle into mission compounds, hoping they would be safe there. To the writer's personal knowledge, scores of these simple people were murdered in cold blood, their only sin being that they had not brought out or revealed their meagre belongings as quickly as the bandits had desired. General Tang's soldiers took little notice of these things, even allowing people to be robbed and murdered in the streets of Pakhot. There was, therefore, something akin to rejoicing when they were seen to be leaving with their belongings, never, it was hoped, to return.

#### SILENT MERCHANTS.

We have heard many reports of the good conduct and efficiency of the "Red" Army and the local people had been made to believe that, now at last, salvation had come or was about to come. For this they had longed and prayed. On every wall were stuck up red posters declaring that the "Red" Army had come for no other purpose but to save Southern Kwangtung and begging the people to fall in line and help them to save the nation. The sins of Tang Poon-yan, as well as those of General Shun Po-fan and Chan King-ming, were placarded with the greatest pains and these Generals, together and Hongkong with the English, must be wiped out at once. There was a lot of schoolboy chatter and almost everything possible was done to make the life of the foreigner unpleasant and uncomfortable. But there was one class which was notably quiet and was not heard to commit itself—the merchants. They had been fooled before, and they knew what was taking place at Canton.

Let us admit that the new Army was better than the old. We have noticed with great satisfaction the orderly way things are conducted and how well under control the soldiers are. We are glad to admit also that some progress seems to have been made in the field of education, and there is less looting than before. Otherwise things are going on much as before the "Reds" came. The many golden promises have not, as usual, been fulfilled. To speak the plain truth, the town is in a worse condition now than before the "Reds" came. The nation's future is in the hands of the nation's leaders.



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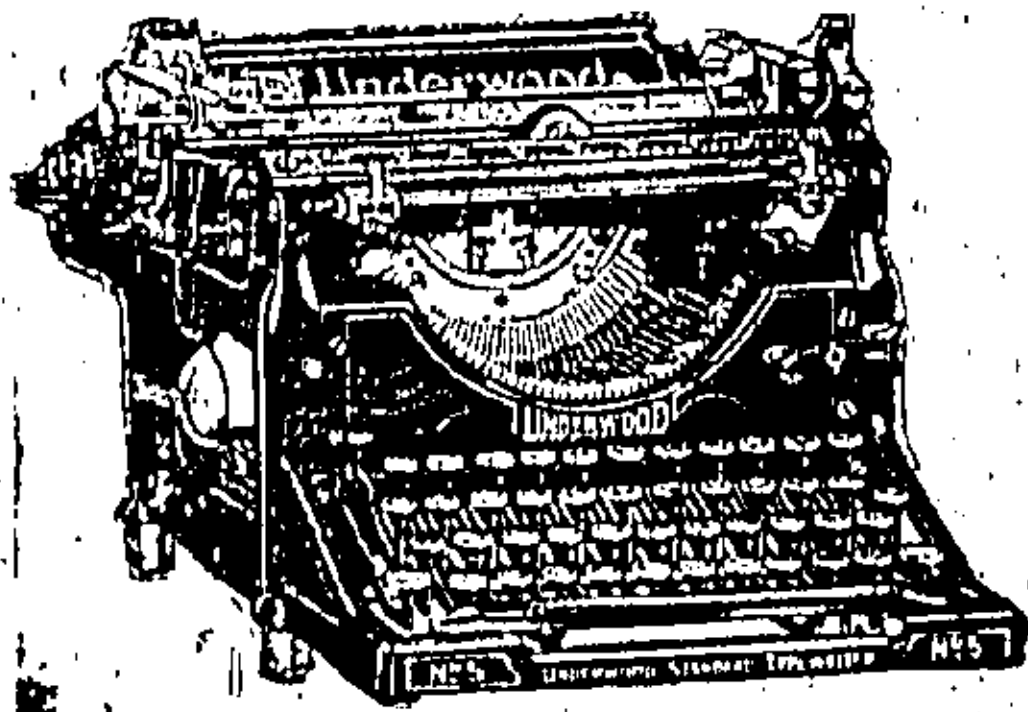
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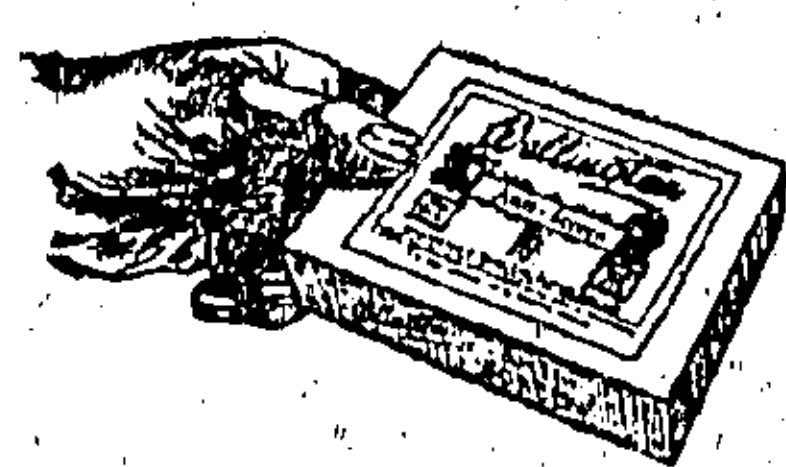
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## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

INTERESTING MATTERS DISCUSSED.

Extension of Children's Playground.

The first meeting of the new Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston presiding. The new roll of the Committee was laid on the table as follows.—Rev. J. H. Johnston (President); Dr. J. C. Macgown (Vice-president); Mr. J. M. Alves (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. C. W. Skeet (Hon. Secretary); Rev. Fr. Spada; Rev. G. R. Lindsay; Capt. T. T. Laurensen; Messrs. J. E. Anderson, W. J. Stokes, E. Cock, S. W. Tso, B. W. Taps, Wong Kwong-tin, J. L. Parren, M. M. Watson, F. H. Crapnell, E. Abraham, E. V. M. R. de Sousa, J. M. Noronha, F. W. Stapleton, and A. W. Eastman, of whom all but four were present.

The first matter dealt with, after the minutes and Treasurer's report, was the extension of the children's playground in Chatham Road so as to occupy some of the railway land behind the present fence and accommodate the swings, etc., at a safer distance from the highway. The Government has already indicated willingness to apportion a plot of land for this purpose, and a sub-committee was formed to conclude the negotiations, viz. Messrs. J. E. Anderson, J. M. Alves, A. W. Eastman, F. H. Crapnell, Capt. T. T. Laurensen and Mr. E. Cock.

To this Children's Playground Committee some other kindred matters were delegated, and the members will be pleased to consider any suggestion relating to the welfare of the young children of Kowloon.

Star Ferry Wharf Alterations.

The next business related to the improvements which the "Star" Ferry Company are contemplating in the arrangements for access and exit of passengers at the Hongkong wharf. A letter from the Company, dated 13th January, was read, inviting the K.R.A. to consider the proposed alterations, of which a sketch was enclosed. The outgoing Committee having had no opportunity of dealing with the question, and the new Committee realizing that it required careful thought, a small sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Alves, E. Cock and W. J. Stokes, was appointed to examine the plan and report to the committee on April 9th.

In regard to the proposal of the Sanitary Board to institute in Kowloon a system of cleansing servants' quarters of European houses which has been for many years in force in Hongkong (excepting the Peak district), a further letter was read from the Sanitary Department explaining that no expense would be caused hereby to tenants and that furniture and effects would be moved to passages, balconies, etc., as convenient, and that the cleansing will not be done in rainy weather. The Committee approved a trial of the system along these lines, and hope that Kowloon residents will give the experiment every encouragement and report to them any practical difficulty or inconvenience which may arise and which they think may be obviated in future.

A Dangerous Corner. The interruption of the work near the Po Hing Theatre for straightening Nathan Road was mentioned, and the Committee being informed that the completion of the work was to be postponed on grounds of economy, found themselves at a loss to understand how such a course could be justified. It appeared to them that as

## AMERICA'S AMAZING CLAIM.

BORAH AND VIOLATION OF NEUTRAL RIGHTS.

London, March 18.

British circles are astonished at the idea underlying Senator Borah's resolution on which Reuter's Washington correspondent says the Foreign Relations Committee had not yet acted.

It is indicated that Mr. Kellogg will welcome the opportunity of discussing the question with Senator Borah and Mr. Kellogg and Ambassador Houghton will discuss it at pending conferences.

Another message says there is no evidence that the United States intends to push her claims seriously (for compensation for violation of America's neutrality before she entered the war).

The London papers are unable

to understand how such a claim can be prosecuted. The *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent says British circles are "completely taken aback and decline to credit that the United States will give official effect to the suggestion. He is of opinion that Americans have too keen sense of equity and honour to be influenced by such divagations.

The correspondent argues that juridically America will be estopped from advancing such a claim by her own acts as a co-belligerent after her entry into the war.

The *Morning Post's* diplomatic correspondent points out it was at America's instigation, when she entered the war, that Japan was asked to tighten her grip on eastern waters. The *Daily News* says there is reason to suppose the claims total millions of pounds and adds, it goes without saying that Great Britain will emphatically repudiate the Borah contention, but it seems certain that powerful political and commercial interests in the United States press it.—*Reuter*.

The new road is almost finished, the expense of completing it must needs be small compared with the value of the corner site which would be made available as a source of revenue. But even if their estimate of the financial position should be entirely wrong, they were very strongly of opinion that the menace to public safety as things are, although in some measure reduced by the work already done, is still so serious that further delay would amount to culpable neglect. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary accordingly.

A letter from a member calling attention to the fact that the Monk-kot-sui Police Station was not on the telephone was read and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Capt. Superintendent of Police to ask if this could not be done for the convenience of residents in the Ho-mun-tin district.

Bus Service.

The question of the bus service in Kowloon will be ventilated at the next meeting of the General Committee on April 9th. The Officers of the Association will welcome communications from residents expressing their views on this and similar questions affecting the welfare of the community. These may be addressed to any Officer of the Association, or to P. O. Box No. 346.

The Committee is desirous of keeping in close touch with public opinion on these matters in order to take prompt action to remedy any unsatisfactory condition existing.

The Association will always welcome additions to its membership.

## THE LEAGUE FIASCO.

MOMENTOUS SESSION CLOSED.

Geneva, March 18.

It is understood that the committee to examine the question of reorganisation of the Council will include members of the Council and representatives of Switzerland, Poland, Germany, China and the Argentine.

The last named is an interesting inclusion, in view of the Argentine's withdrawal from the League three years ago on account of a divergence of opinion notably regarding the composition of the Council. It is also noteworthy that Germany is included, though she is not a member. The report of the committee will be presented in September.—*Reuter*.

Strongly-Worded Views.

London, March 18.

What is described as the fiasco of Geneva is the theme of strongly-worded articles in the morning papers.

The *Times* says the home of an institution designed to prevent war was suddenly transformed to a scene of the crudest manifestations of the very intrigues that drive desperate nations to war.

The *Daily Telegraph* expresses scepticism as to the assurances that the Locarno work will remain intact.

The *Westminster Gazette* is apprehensive of further damage to the League if any re-shuffling of the Council be not carried out by a

more honourable process than the blackmailing competition just ended.

The *Daily Chronicle* accuses France of gerrymandering the League, but if Sir Austen Chamberlain had taken a stronger stand a month ago, the trouble would not have arisen.

The *Daily News* finds Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand jointly responsible for the disgraceful proceeding which made the League an Aunt Sally for every political jackanape.

A Paris message says the French papers opine Germany has come out not only absolved, but celebrated, exalted, and almost triumphant.—*Reuter*.

"Sheeplike Servility."

Berlin, March 18.

The Nationalist papers virulently attack Herr von Luther and Stresemann for their "sheeplike patience and servility" and demand their resignation.

The *Lokalanzeiger* rejoices that the League is now a heap of ruins. The *Sozialist Vorwaerts* and two other papers opine that Brazil was secretly supported by Mussolini.—*Reuter*.

American Comment.

New York, March 18.

The newspapers generally consider there is no occasion for pessimism, because, as the *New York World* says, Europe is no worse than three months ago. It simply is not so advanced as it was advertised to be.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## ITALIAN MURDER TRIAL.

SOME STARTLING EVIDENCE GIVEN.

Chieti, March 18.

Startling evidence was given on the resumption of the Mattiotti trial when two clerks testified that they saw the actual kidnapping of the man by four others whom they were unable to identify. One man hit their victim in the stomach and then threw him into a motorcar and drove off. Signor Nello Quilici the ex-head of staff of the newspaper *Corriere Italiano*, directed by the Fascist, Filippelli, testified that on June 10, Filippelli was allowed to drive home in his motorcar, which

attacked Herrn Luther and Stresemann for their "sheeplike patience and servility" and demand their resignation.

The *Lokalanzeiger* rejoices that the League is now a heap of ruins. The *Sozialist Vorwaerts* and two other papers opine that Brazil was secretly supported by Mussolini.—*Reuter*.

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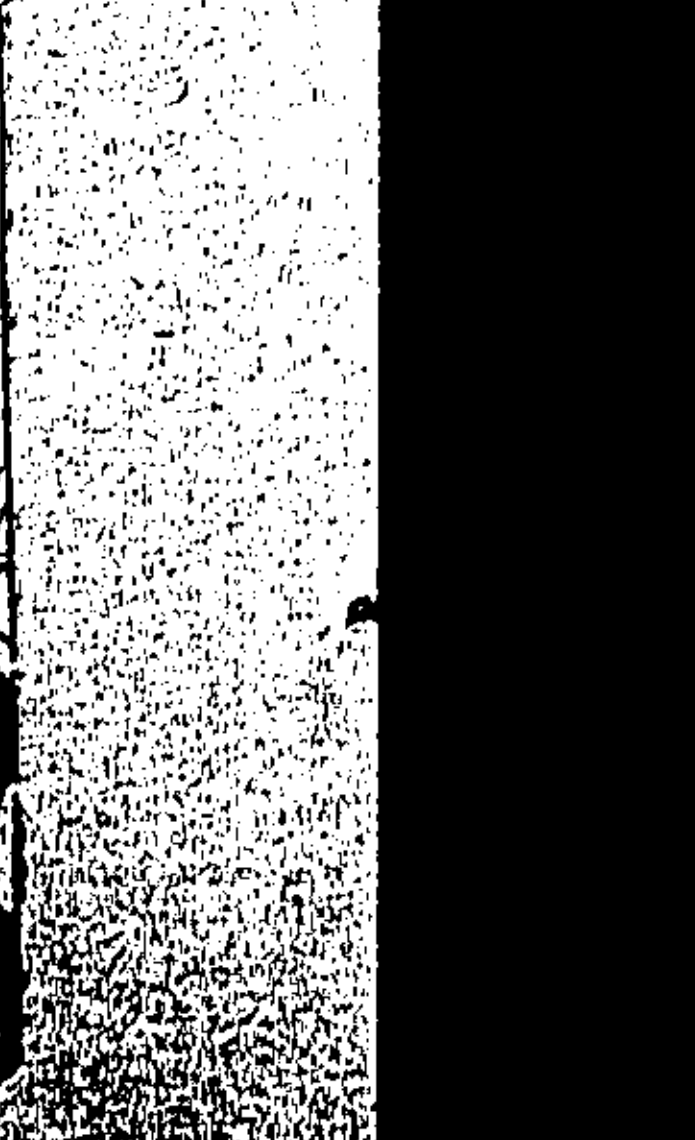
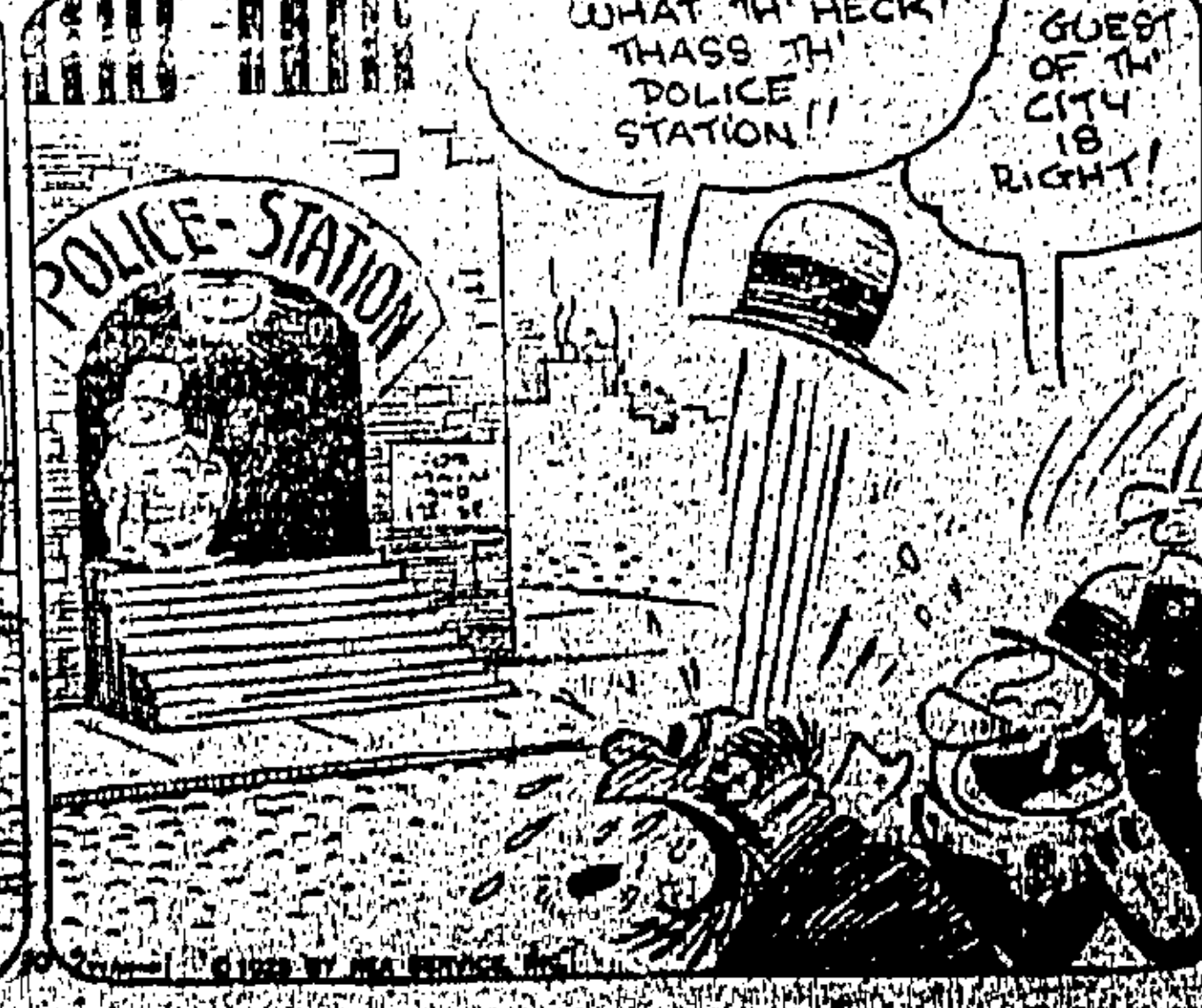
By Swan

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### Presentation to Captain Fried.



Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, presenting Captain Fried, Commander of the President Roosevelt, with the foreign service gold medal for saving life at sea, before the departure of the steamship for the United States from Southampton. (Times copyright.)

### Antioch Survivors.

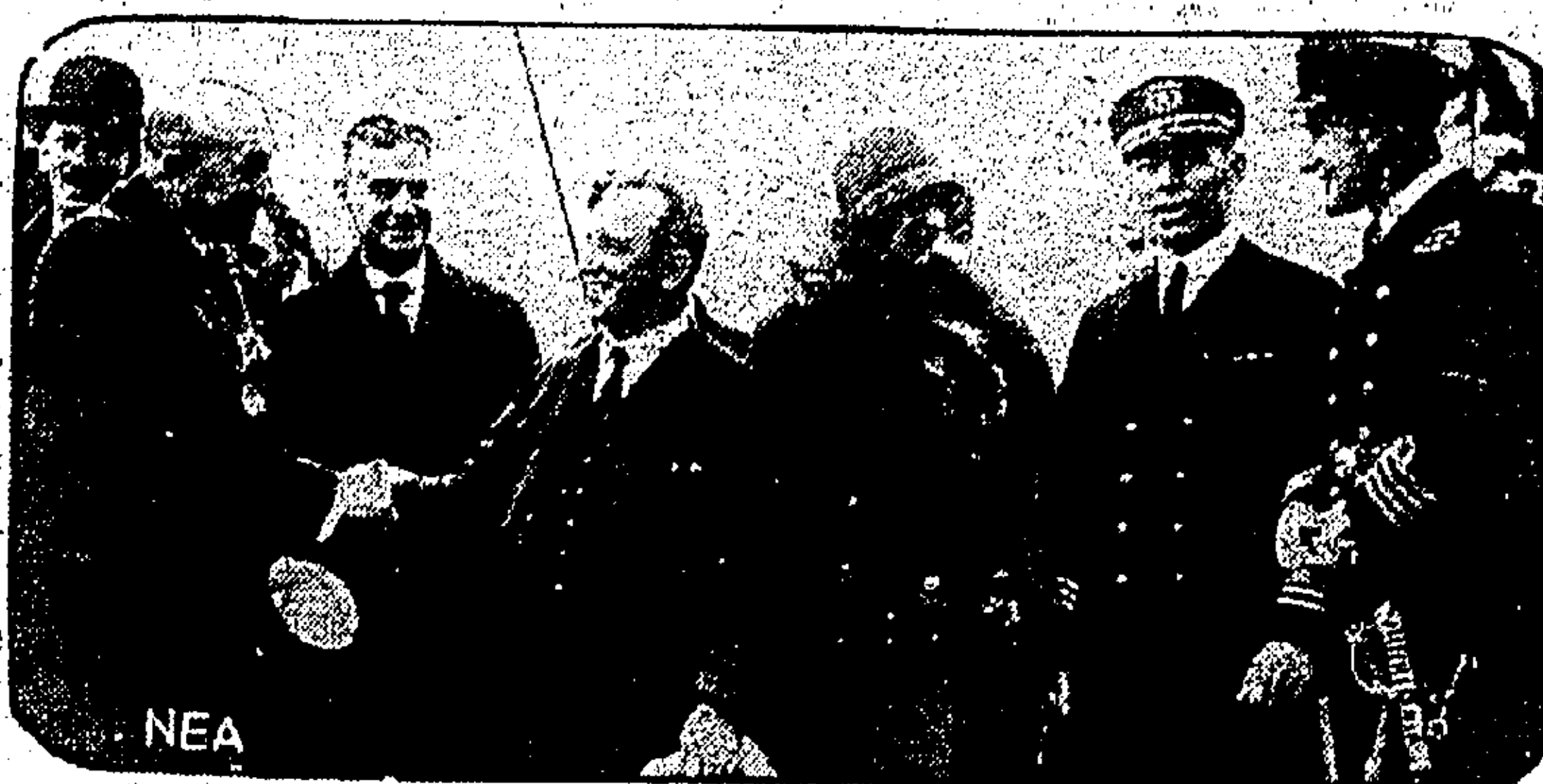


This is another photograph of the seamen who were rescued from the sinking British freighter Antioch by the President Roosevelt.

### An Arab Display in the Sudan.



During his visit to the Sudan, Lord Lloyd witnessed a remarkable Arab display at El Obeid, the capital of the Kordofan province. Our photograph shows the charge that is an inseparable part of all Arab display, in which the riders gallop on until within a few yards of the honoured guest before pulling up short. Five thousand tribesmen attended the display in honour of Lord Lloyd. (Times copyright.)



Shaking hands with Captain Harry Tose of the Antioch is the Mayor of Plymouth. Mrs. Tose is beside the captain, beside her Captain George Fried of the President Roosevelt and then Captain Goldsmith, representing the First Lord of the Admiralty.

### Klan Conducts a Funeral at Arlington.



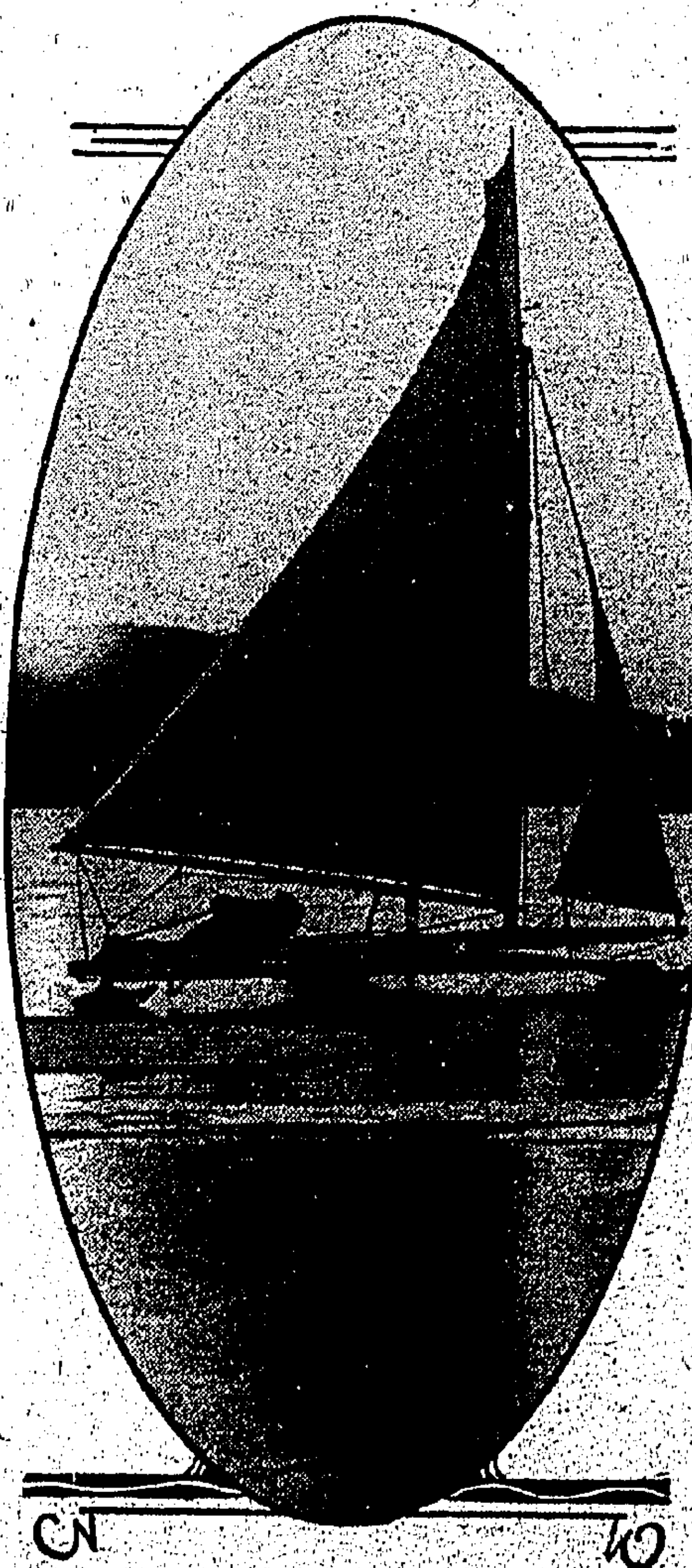
Arlington National Cemetery had its first burial under Ku Klux Klan auspices, when Samuel E. Fleming, a war veteran, was interred. The body was shrouded in Klan robes.

### The Ex-Kaiser Takes a Walk.



The ex-Kaiser is here soon with his wife and her children whilst out for a walk in Doorn on the occasion of his sixty-sixth birthday.

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### NOTICE.

We have this day been appointed sole agents in Hongkong and South China for the Sale of Sakura Beer.

DONNELLY & WHYTE.  
1st February, 1926.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 1st Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 3rd April 1926 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday 20th Mar. 1926.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

It is regretted that the State of the Race Course will not permit of its use for School Sports of Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATERSON,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1926.

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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

Companies (Winding-up).  
No. 2 of 1923.  
In the matter of the Companies Ordinance 1911-1921 and  
In the Matter of Reiss Brothers Limited.

### NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Liquidator in Manchester of the above named Company to declare a dividend at an early date, and Creditors, who have not already done so, are required on or before the 18th day of April, 1926, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the Official Receiver, the Provisional Liquidator of the said Company, and are also required by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Office of the Official Receiver, Supreme Court, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

JOHN FLEMING, C.A.,  
Special Manager.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1926.

### NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, 25th March, 1926, at 4 p.m., in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1925.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1926.

### HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual general MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1926, at 5.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,

P. M. HODGSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The forty-second ordinary annual MEETING of shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 20th March, 1926, until Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

### THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March 1926 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board of Directors.  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th March 1926.

### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th January, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st April, 1926, instead of 1st February, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd July, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd July, 1926.

FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.  
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers; together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 19th day of March, 1926, to Monday, the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

### HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THEATRE ROYAL.  
March, 20th, 1926, at 9.15 p.m.  
Sixth Tournament of the Season.  
Main Event.

Fifteen Round Contest  
Stoker Nagelin, French  
cruiser "Jules Michelet"  
v.  
Kid Alfred, Manila, P.I.  
And about five other contests.  
Booking at Moutrie's for Members only on Thursday, the 18th.  
General Public, Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th instant.  
Prices—\$5, \$3 and \$1.

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1926.

## LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

### BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY Situate At

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Thursday, the 25th day of March, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m.  
By  
MESSRS. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

At their Saleroom in Duddell Street.

### PARTICULARS.

The property is situate on a piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section D of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 42. The said premises are held for the term of 75 years with a right of renewal of the further term of 24 years by a Crown Lease dated 31st day of December, 1910, and made between His Majesty King George the 5th of the one part and Li Ping of the other part subject to the payment of a proportion of the rent and performance of the covenants in the said Crown Lease.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to Messrs. HASTINGS, DENNY AND BOWLEY, Solicitors, 8 Des Voeux Road, Central, or to

Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, Duddell Street, Hongkong, March 11, 1926.

## THE AUCTIONEERING & BROKERING Co., Ltd.

48, Duddell Street.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

The Auctioneering and Brokering Company Limited have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY,

the 24th day of March, 1926, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at their Saleroom, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong,

### THE VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

situate at Queen's Road West Victoria aforesaid and registered in the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF SUBSECTION TWO OF SECTION B OF INLAND LOT NO. 834, IN ONE LOT.

The property consists of the newly erected restaurant intended to be used by the Chung Kwok Restaurant Co., Ltd.

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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders issued by Major R. Melville Smith, M.B.E., state:

### 1.—MOUNTED INFANTRY AND ARMOURD CAR COS.

Musketry Course Part I. will be fired at Stoncutters Range on Sunday, 21st March.  
Range Officer: 2nd-Lieut. F. N. Young.  
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.  
Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.  
Arms: Will be drawn from Headquarters on Friday, 19th March, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 8 p.m., and on Saturday, 20th March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### 2.—ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Armoured Car Company on Monday, 22nd March, at 5.30 p.m.

### 3.—STRENGTH.

The following is taken on the strength as from 15th March, 1926, and posted to the Engineer Company:—

No. 1034 Spr. H. L. Lockhart.

4.—The following is extracted from the Hongkong Government Gazette, dated 12th March, 1926:—

"H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Capt. R. Melville Smith, M.B.E., to be in command of the Infantry Battalion of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the absence on leave of Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., or until further notice with effect from 14th March, 1926."

"H.E. the Government has been pleased to appoint Capt. R. Melville Smith, M.B.E., to act as Major and Administrative Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the absence on leave of Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., or until further notice with effect from 14th March, 1926."

5.—The following letter has been received from the Private Secretary:—  
Government House, Hongkong, 14th March, 1926.

The Officer Commanding, H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps, Sir—I am instructed by H.E. the Governor to convey to you his sincere thanks for the excellent arrangements made in connection with supplying the Guard of Honour on the occasion of the Investiture on March 13th. The smartness and efficiency of the Guard were noted by all, and reflect great credit on the Corps.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(ed.) B. R. FORSTER, P.S.

### 6.—CORRECTION.

The date of the appointment of 2nd-Lieut. H. Owen Hughes notified in Corps Order No. 215 Section 5, dated 5th March, 1926, should be 25th February, 1926, and not 25th March, 1926.

### 7.—LEAVE.

Capt. J. B. Ross, Scottish Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 15th March, 1926, to 14th March, 1927.

2nd-Lieut. H. E. D. Adams, Scottish Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 10th March, 1926, to 9th March, 1927.

2nd-Lieut. K. S. Morrison, Scottish Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 10th March, 1926, to 9th March, 1927.

Major G. D. R. Black, V.D. Medical Section is granted 14 days' leave from 10th March, 1926, to 1st April, 1926.

No. 64 Sergt. F. Cullen, Armoured Car Company, is granted 9 months' leave from 20th March, 1926, to 31st December, 1926.

No. 40 Gr. W. W. Mackenzie, Artillery Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.

No. 774 Pte. V. M. Hast, No. 2 Platoon, is granted 9 months' leave from 1st May, 1926, to 31st January, 1927.

No. 674 Pte. W. M. Lyons, No. 1 Platoon, is granted 6 months' extension of leave from 1st March, 1926, to 31st August, 1926.

### 8.—RESIGNATIONS.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 12th March, 1926.

No. 120 Lieut. Sergt. T. Tallon, Pipe Band.  
No. 358 Pte. W. Brown, No. 5 Platoon.  
No. 313 Pte. W. Robertson, No. 5 Platoon.

### 9.—STRUCK OFF.

The following are struck off the strength, as from 12th March, 1926.

No. 700 Pte. W. B. Kerr, No. 2 Platoon.  
No. 615 Spr. W. J. White, Engineer Company.  
No. 387 Pte. S. A. Ogilvie, No. 7 Platoon.  
No. 952 Pte. J. M. L. Gutierrez, No. 4 Platoon.  
No. 390 Pte. V. H. Summers, No. 3 Platoon.  
No. 682 Pte. J. E. Cammell, Mount. ed Infantry Company.

L. D. J. J. Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.  
Hongkong, 19th March, 1926.

### NOTICE.

RIFLE MEETING.  
Dates and times of the Competitions will be as follows:  
Sunday, 21st April.  
9 a.m. Blake Shield.  
11 a.m. Francis Cup.  
2 p.m. Jar Competition.  
2.30 p.m. Tile Competition.  
3 p.m. Attack Competition.  
All day Revolver Competition.  
Monday, 22nd April.  
9 a.m. Musketry Competition.  
11 a.m. Machine-gun Competition.  
12 noon Lewis Gun Competition.  
2 p.m. Corps Championship and Tyro Competition.  
All day Revolver Competition.

## PAKHOT'S FLIGHT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

got control than the boycott was instituted. Since almost all trade was carried on with Hongkong, this killed business almost immediately. The merchants are frankly in despair. The writer has talked with many of them and they say there is no hope under the present circumstances. Almost all with whom I have talked say that they are sure to lose money this year. All goods which have come in from Hongkong have been confiscated. To my personal knowledge goods which left Hongkong just before the boycott was instituted and before it was generally known that the boycott was on, were confiscated upon arrival.

At first, goods shipped to foreigners, chiefly personal stores, were not molested, but later these were examined as well. The Commissioner of Customs, who is an American, had ordered several cases of stores from America in the summer of 1925 and when they arrived in Pakhoi in January they were taken by the pickets and upon representation they refused to give them up, the Deputy for Foreign Affairs confessing himself helpless to do anything. The matter was taken up with higher powers and only under pressure were the goods returned after they had been held for several weeks. Since then, no stores have come in from Hongkong and this has deprived families of many necessities.

MESSRS. DELL'S PROPERTY.

The driving of G. E. Bell & Son, British merchants, from Pakhoi some time ago has already been reported through your paper. He left a valuable property in Pakhoi and this, it was rumoured, had been confiscated by the "Reds."

Hearing this, the writer took great pains to ascertain the facts in the case and in a conversation with an official of the Political Department of the Kwangtung Army I was assured that this had been done. He showed me an order from General Chan Ming-kui, the General commanding in these districts, ordering the official in question to open a Soldiers' Club in the former home of Mr. Bell. This has been done. Tennis courts have been laid off and places for other games got ready. There has been a lot of foolish talk of the Government taking over the English Mission compounds also, but it is not believed that such will be done.

No communication of any description is now allowed with Hongkong. Two days ago a merchant of one of the biggest shops in Pakhoi told me that not even letters could be mailed through to Hongkong. A friend of the writer wished to send \$1,000 through the post to Hongkong, but after this was posted the authorities were notified and the man was fined \$200 for such a great sin! I am now told that the pickets will allow no-one to come in or go out without a permit no matter where they wish to go or from whence they come.

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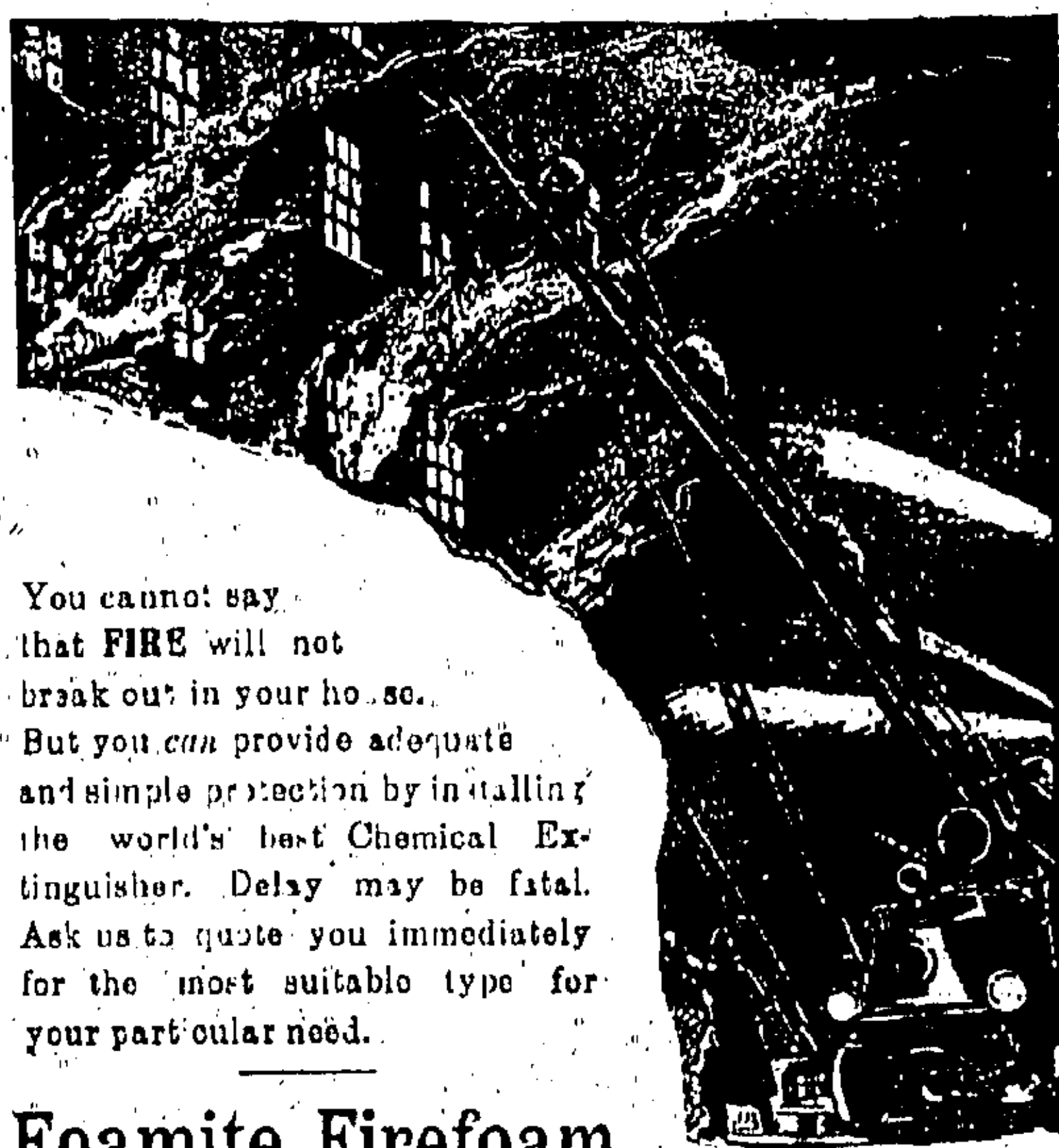
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### THE TAKU INCIDENT.

#### CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S SATISFACTORY REPLY.

Peking, March 18.  
The following is an unofficial translation of the Waichiaoou's reply to M. Oudendijk.

"We hasten to reply to your Excellency's note of March 16 and to acknowledge the memorandum which the Tientsin Naval Force handed to the Taku Forts authorities, which you also referred to the Waichiaoou.

"We immediately conveyed same to the local military authorities, instructing them to examine and act upon your demands.

"Communication between Peking and the sea as provided by the protocol must not be imperilled. The necessity therefore has been recognised by the Chinese Government hitherto.

"Unfortunately military disputes and operations recently occurred in the vicinity of Taku, causing foreign shipping to be subjected to some restrictions.

"Having received more than one note on this subject from the Foreign Powers the Chinese Government is doing its utmost to find means to remove the obstacles and restore communications to the sea. These facts are probably within your knowledge.

"The Foreign Ministers concerned, however without awaiting an amicable settlement, have instructed their naval forces at Tientsin to lodge a memorandum giving a time limit.

"Judging from its contents, this communication and the attitude adopted by the naval authorities, in the opinion of the Chinese Government is beyond the scope of the 1901 Protocol, and the Chinese Government cannot regard the communication as appropriate.

"The Chinese Government, having instructed the local military authorities to give due consideration to and act upon the terms conveyed in your memorandum, begs you to convey this Note to all Ministers of Powers having naval forces at Tientsin, and request them to instruct their naval commanders as soon as possible to consult amicably with the local Chinese military authorities regarding means to maintain safe communications along the channel to the sea, and refrain from carrying out any drastic measures in view of the existing friendship between China and the countries concerned.—Reuter.

#### Japan's Demands.

Tokyo, March 18.  
The Cabinet has decided to instruct Baron Yoshizawa to demand a formal apology re the Taku incident and punishment of the guilty Chinese and indemnification of the wounded. Baron Yoshizawa has been instructed to negotiate the details and make them as lenient as possible. The Government spokesman said it did not matter whether China accepted responsibility, Japan did not intend to resort to force if no agreement was reached but might take up the question in the World Court. It was emphasised that friendly and peaceable results were Japan's main aim.—Reuter.

**Student Demonstrators Killed.**  
Peking, March 18.  
A thousand students demonstrated outside the Cabinet office, protesting against the Foreign Office reply to the Powers.

The guards fired, killing 17 and wounding 16 of the demonstrators.—Reuter.

**Admission of Responsibility.**  
Peking, March 18.  
It is learned from a reliable source that General Lu, commander of the Kuominchun at Tientsin, has unofficially admitted responsibility for the Taku incident, though it is understood the question of saving face is at present preventing a formal acknowledgment.

### STABBING AND WOUNDING.

#### BOARDING HOUSE RUNNERS' FIGHT ON STEAMER.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, who recently returned from leave has been transferred to the Kowloon Magistracy, relieving Mr. E. W. Hamilton, who has been Magistrate since the opening of the Court in Shanghai Street, Yumati. The newly appointed Magistrate heard his first case yesterday afternoon when three boatmen were charged with assaulting two other boatmen.

The defendants were represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

The complainants and the defendants were engaged in soliciting customers on a Japanese ship for their respective boarding houses on the 8th inst, when a quarrel arose between the parties, who met again on board the s.s. Takada later in the morning. The quarrel was renewed and subsequently developed into a fight between the two parties. During the scuffle on board the complainants were stabbed by one of the opposition. None of the defendants were responsible for the injuries but the third man was seen to assault one of the complainants. It was not suggested by the prosecution that the defendant actually stabbed the others, but they were implicated in the fight.

After hearing the evidence of the two complainants, Mr. McCallum suggested that to save time both parties should be bound over to prevent future trouble.

The police agreed with Mr. McCallum and the parties were accordingly ordered to sign bonds for \$50 to be of good behaviour for a period of one year.

### PASTOR EXPELLED.

#### ACTION BY THE DUTCH CALVINIST CHURCH.

Amsterdam, March 18.  
The general Synod of the Dutch Secessionist Calvinist Church at Assen has unanimously decided to expel from the reformed Church Pastor Geelkerken, who is also to be deprived of his pastorate at South Amsterdam on account of preaching while under suspension.—Reuter.

Official despatches received in Tokyo this morning confirm that the Shantung gunboats were instructed to give up the blockade last night.—Reuter.

#### Acceptance.

Peking, March 18.  
Pi Shou-cheng, on behalf of the Tsingtao flotilla, has agreed unconditionally to all the Powers' demands.

Lu Chung-lin has agreed to all except the fifth, as to which he has made a slight reservation, to the effect that river police be permitted to accompany Customs officials in searching foreign vessels, to which it is understood the Powers do not object.—Reuter.

### WOMAN MURDERED.

#### DISCOVERED IN A VACANT FLAT.

The dead body of a middle-aged Chinese woman was found in a vacant flat in Nam Cheong Street, yesterday afternoon, by the Police, acting on information received.

The body was that of a female resident of No. 71 Lai Chi Kok Road, ground floor, and from certain wounds and the condition of the body, there is no doubt the woman was murdered.

The discovery was made at three o'clock. On examination of the body it was found that the victim had been bound and gagged before being stabbed to death.

There was no clue as to the assailant, and all yesterday afternoon the Police were conducting investigations, but failed to elicit any information concerning either the motive or the identity of the murderer.

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- 3730 Ukelele Lady
- Yes Sir, That's my Baby
- 3713 In the Purple Twilight
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- 3729 If you knew Susie
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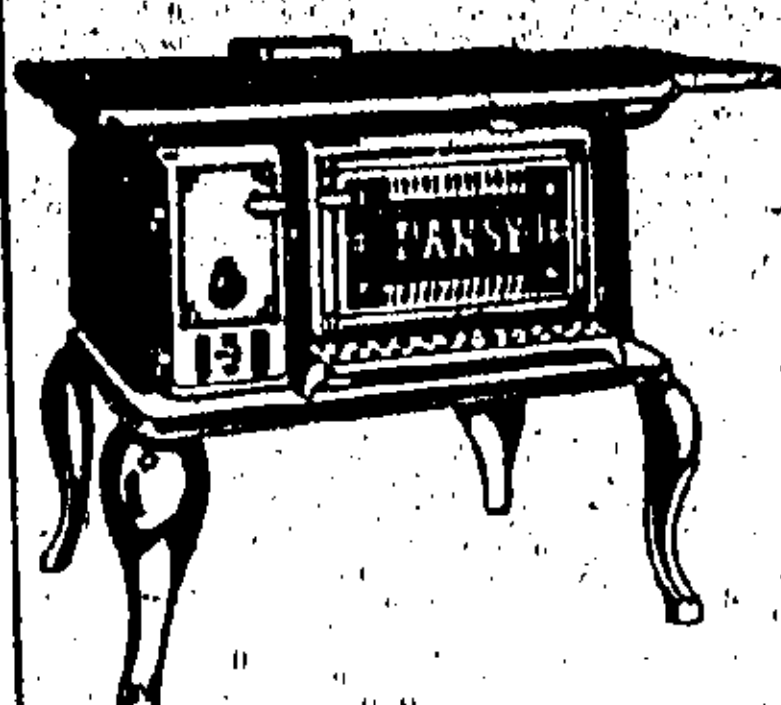
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## EUROPE UNPURGED.

In spite of the formal protestations by the representatives concerned that there is nothing wrong in spirit between the countries who were parties to the Locarno Pact, the impression persists that Europe is still the centre of political intrigue and distrust that has earned for it such an unenviable reputation among the nations of the New World. The fiasco that has resulted from the attempt by Germany to join the League of Nations must not be charged wholly to Brazil, although it was at the last ditch that that country proved to be the stumbling block. There are not a few who will think that Brazil was "acting under orders" and it is rather difficult to share in the general optimism that everything will be plain and pleasant sailing when Germany's application comes up again in September.

Where is the Locarno spirit in actual evidence? There is plenty of lip service—in fact there seems to be a competition between the big men to try and say the nicest thing possible—but it is in deeds and not words that one looks for the interpretation of Locarno. If we look at Italy, for example, we see the sorry spectacle of a dictator strutting and declaiming much as did the Kaiser in the days before the war. Signor Mussolini has adopted the cloak (actually, by a trick of fate, as well as metaphorically) of the ex-ruler of Germany, and attired in gorgeous raiment (he didn't know it was second-hand) recently made a speech which in pre-war days would have brought disaster in its train. He is, to use a popular schoolboy phrase, "throwing his weight about" in really alarming manner, and he has bombastically and rudely told Germany that Italy will do just as she pleases with the people in the territory she has gained since the war. He said that Italy would not allow the matter to be discussed in any assembly. That is hardly helpful to the spirit of mutual co-operation and plea-

tion supposedly born at Locarno, and it may well be that the leading European powers will yet have to remind the Fascist leader and his country that sabre-rattling and noisy bombast cannot be tolerated too long. The temper of the British press, as reflected

by the papers just to hand, is getting a little impatient of this new would-be Kaiser.

And if we turn to Spain we find a dictatorship in power which tolerates no opposition—not even the passive opposition of a leading Spanish jurist who says he would rather not take up a certain office. Personal liberties and rights are not only threatened, they are actually assailed. In Greece, General Pangalos has executed a coup which puts the military in power over the civil authority and such a condition is the very abnegation of personal freedom either in speech or action. Between the actual signatories of the Locarno Pact there is (Italy excepted, perhaps) outward friendliness, but this recent acute difference of opinion among the Powers making up the League of Nations is bound to have its repercussions. There are few encouraging signs that Europe has, by the late war, been purged of its national jealousies and hatreds, and what looked, a few weeks ago, like the dawn of a new and brighter chapter has proved to be but a mirage and nothing substantial. Baron Ishii, the Chairman of the League's Assembly, very truly said in his closing remarks, that they had to retrieve the lost position; we would go further and say that the statesmen of Europe have got to begin all over again facing facts and not just expressing pious hopes.

## A Surprising Proposal.

Senator Borah seems to have a penchant for stirring up needless trouble, and we are not surprised that his latest venture into the realm of international politics should have aroused so much astonishment in London. He has introduced into the Senate a resolution requesting the State Department to report what steps have been taken towards the negotiation of American claims against Britain and France in connection with the violation of the rights of neutrals prior to America's entry into the war. A more unfortunate proposal could hardly have been made, and we cannot imagine any serious-minded politician coming forward with it at this time of day. If there was ever any intention of pushing such claims, surely there was no necessity to wait until more than seven years after the conclusion of the war to bring them forward. Moreover, America's whole position in the matter obviously became altered once she joined hands with the Allies and herself fell in with the general policy adopted towards neutrals. The diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* stresses that point when he argues that the United States will be estopped from advancing such claims by her own acts as a co-belligerent after her entry into the war. We are glad to see that there is hardly any likelihood of the matter being pushed to extreme limits, but all the same, the raising of the issue just now is distinctly deplorable. It is likely to create the impression that America is out for her pound of flesh at all costs, and any politician assisting in the dissemination of such an idea is doing his country the greatest possible disservice.

## RUBBER SITUATION.

## QUESTION OF MORE RELEASES.

London, March 18. In the House of Commons, Col. H. C. Woodcock asked what were the intentions of the Colonial Office as regards a further increase in the releases of rubber under the Stevenson Scheme.

Mr. Amery said he was closely watching the rubber situation, and hoped to be able to make a public notification in due course. With regard to the release of rubber under the Stevenson Scheme he would make an announcement as early as possible, probably within a fortnight. *—Reuter.*

## DAY BY DAY.

HAPPINESS IS NOT THE END OF LIFE: CHARACTER 18.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N. to N.E. winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is advertised for Monday, March 29th, at noon.

The s.s. Haiching reports a derelict junk with one mast showing off the East Ninopin bearing N.W. about 2½ miles.

A derelict junk of about 1,000 piculs capacity is floating in Latitude 21.46° N. Longitude 113.17° E; reports the Portuguese vessel Sun Li.

When a Chinese woman was visiting a friend, she fell down in a fit, and received injuries to her head. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Canada were Dr. G. D. R. Black, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Osland Hill, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. C. Peacock, Mr. D. Keith and Mr. E. Zeitlyn.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., has consented to give away the awards at a prize distribution and concert being held under the auspices of the Tutorial Institute at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall to-morrow evening.

A report to hand states that the price of rice is gradually rising in all districts of Kwangtung, but nowhere is the price so high as in Shun Tak. It is said that the inhabitants have petitioned the Government to take adequate measures to prevent a threatening famine.

Replying to a question asked by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday, the Colonial Secretary stated that the question of whether the work of straightening the Nathan Road at its junction with Gascoigne Road would be brought up at the next regular meeting of the Finance Committee.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced.—Mr. Reginald Charles Pass, marine engineer, of No. 2, Saifce Terrace, to Miss Elizabeth Davidson, of 5, King's Buildings; Mr. Henry Lowcock, merchant of 15, Babington Path, to Miss Mabel Kotewall of 57, Conduit Road; Mr. Alberto Antonio Maria Rodrigues, of No. 1, St. Joseph's Terrace, to Miss Carmen Justina da Roza, of 17, Ladder Street.

While a Chinese was watching a football match at Sookunpoo, he was bitten by a brown dog, belonging to a Chinese carpenter of the Hing Lee matched. The man was treated by Dr. Smalley, and the dog has been sent to Kennedy Town. A dog, belonging to the master of the Ting Yuen oil shop, Tokowan, bit another Chinese, and he was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital. The dog is now at Kennedy Town.

The new A. O. Line steamer Taiping, which arrived here last night on her first trip from Australia, did the run from Sydney to Hongkong in the remarkably good time of 18 days, calling en route at Townsville, Cairns, Thursday Island and Manila. In every respect the Taiping showed excellent seagoing qualities, being a credit to her builders (the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.), whilst the passengers were loud in their praise of the service and cuisine.

Those who like straight, wholesome drama, with a strong love interest well maintained, have their wishes fully met in the big film now being shown at the Queen's Theatre—"Thy Name Is Woman." This is a Metro production, directed by Fred Niblo, and it is distinctly above the average film in interest and setting. Barbara La Marr is strongly featured, and she is responsible for some very fine and powerful acting. The film will be shown up to and including Saturday.

Although deaths from street accidents had increased from 368 in 1921 to 606 in 1925, it was stated at the L.C.C. that it was hardly possible for the Council to do anything in the matter.

## CANTON UNIVERSITY.

## NEW CHANCELLOR IN OFFICE.

A new regime has been inaugurated for the National University of Kwangtung at Canton with the appointment of a trained scientist and educator as Chancellor.

Dr. Min-yea Tsu, the new Chancellor, was educated in France for a period of seventeen years. He is a versatile linguist, speaking English, French, German and Japanese. By profession he is a surgeon, having obtained his degree in Strasbourg University. Before proceeding to France, Dr. Tsu had been a student in Japan. Owing to the restrictions of the Japanese authorities, however, he left for France where he took much interest in the welfare of the Chinese immigrants and made great improvements in the Chinese schools and institutions all of which have prospered through his exertions.

At the outbreak of the Revolution in Hupah in 1911 Dr. Tsu returned to China and rendered valuable services in the revolutionary movement. After this he devoted himself to the work of education in company with Messrs. Tsai Yuen-pei, Li Yu-ying, Wang Ching-wei, Woo Ching-hung and others, and with their assistance the Sino-French Educational Association, the Institut Franco-Chinois of Lyon, and the University of work in Belgium were firmly established. In January last year Dr. Tsu was present at the graduation ceremony of Hongkong University on behalf of Civil Governor Hu Han-min. He was appointed Dean of the Medical College of the National University of Kwangtung in July last, and was recently appointed President of the University in succession to Mr. Chou Loo, for whom he acted for some time last summer during Mr. Chou's absence.

## ENGINEERING DISPUTE.

## SETTLEMENT AT LAST REACHED.

London, March 19. A settlement of the engineering dispute is indicated by the announcement that Messrs. Ho's men have decided to resume work on Monday, and that the lock-out notices have been withdrawn. *—Reuter.*

## GOING HOME.

## POLICE OFFICERS DUE FOR LEAVE.

The following police officers are going Home on leave during the next six weeks:

By the s.s. Khiva, sailing March 21st.—Sergt. and Mrs. R. S. Swan, (Lok Ma Chau), and Sergt. H. G. Hallam, (Yaumati).

By the s.s. Kalgan, sailing April 21st.—Sergt. and Mrs. W. Russell and son, Sergt. C. J. Askew, Sergt. Saunders, Sergt. Whant, (Central); Sergt. H. J. Treagus (Water Police), Sergt. F. Tuckett, and Sergt. W. Armit, (Western district).

By the s.s. Macedonia, sailing May 1st.—Sub-Inspector and Mrs. D. Barnett, and family, (Taipo), Sub-Inspector and Mrs. A. J. W. Dörling, and family, (Central), Sub-Inspector and Mrs. E. J. Cotton, and son, (Yaumati), Sergt. Thorpe and Sergt. J. Gregg, (Central), and Sergt. G. Moreton, (Yaumati).

By the s.s. Kashgar, sailing on or about May 15th.—Sub-Inspector and Mrs. R. Shannon, and son.

Mrs. Stimpson and family, wife of Sub-Inspector Stimpson, Kowloon City are going home by the s.s. Devanha, on April 17th.

## BIG PROPERTY SALE.

## LATE MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS' ESTATE.

There is shortly to be offered for disposal in Hongkong the biggest block of property ever put up for sale in the Colony, this comprising numerous buildings and plots of land under the estate of the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephens. These are to be sold by order of the Official Trustee in England.

In addition to various lots of land, there are no fewer than 72 buildings to be disposed of on the Hongkong side, including Stephens Building, houses at Mountain View, and Stewart Terrace, The Peak, and numerous premises on the middle levels and the business districts.

No fewer than 60 buildings and land are to be disposed of in Kowloon and Yaumati.

## The Very Idea!

We have received another chain letter, with the request that we pass it on to nine persons. We passed it along, but not to nine persons. We are not yet certain whether it fell into the waste-basket or to the floor beside it. Still, it set us thinking. Who believes in this foolishness and how did it originate? What is the fantastic thought behind it all? We'd like to know.

The chain letter is supposed, to bring good luck. But does it? Who can speak from experience in the matter and what sort of good luck did he have? That would be very interesting. If you have had good luck from passing on a chain letter, won't you tell us just what it was? Space is hereby dedicated to the incident and will be reserved for you.

From a New England contemporary: "Of these applicants, twenty-one are serving life sentences for various kinds of homicide and many of the remainder were sentenced to longer terms for the same offense."

The quickest cure for any feeling of importance is to start to count the people who never hear of you.

Parleys and pacts,  
Parleys and pacts  
Always can keep us  
From facing the facts!

Strollers on the terrace outside the Casino recently were startled how much you give, but by how to see a beautifully dressed woman clad in deep rose with touches of gilded leather, who led by a long chain of gold and platinum a large tortoise. The animal's shell had minute mistletoes, on the ground been completely glided over, and that it is a dangerous pest. Is the shimmered brilliantly in the blazing sun. Every time the pet stopped and refused to follow her she took a leaf of lettuce from her handbag and the tortoise followed her again.

We'll not believe any poet-insane until he writes a song in praise of spinach and signs his name to it.

A Stratford woman in court for disturbing the peace said: "If you have a lot of babies they talk 'birth control,' and if you have none they sneer and say: 'What have you done for your country?'"

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and your nose gets shiny."

Sir John Bland Sutton, noted British surgeon, is of the opinion that Adam and Eve were taught to sew by watching the tailor bird spin its nest.

He states that surgeons still are searching for the perfect stitching materials for wounds. He says the birds, plants, insects and animals are being studied in hopes of finding the correct substance.

Many years ago Rudyard Kipling and Mark Twain were victims of a serious illness at one and the same time. Cable messages galore were exchanged across the Atlantic asking after the condition of the distinguished invalids. After both had recovered Mark Twain was given a dinner at the Savage Club in London. Replying to the toast of his health, he said: "England and America, which have been brought nigh to each other in Kipling, will not be divided in Twain."

Generosity is not measured by how much you give, but by how much you have left after giving. The United States Minister of Agriculture has resolved to exterminate the tortoise. The animal's shell had minute mistletoes, on the ground been completely glided over, and that it is a dangerous pest. Is the shimmered brilliantly in the blazing sun. Every time the pet stopped and refused to follow her she took a leaf of lettuce from her handbag and the tortoise followed her again.

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Unstinted praise was bestowed on Captain E. T. Britten, commander of the Laconia, and complimentary references made to Hongkong, and the excellence of its Police Force, at a dinner which was attended by a party of the American tourists, at the Hongkong Hotel last evening.

The dinner was given, as a token of appreciation of the excellent work done by Captain Britten on the voyage, by Mr. Edward Sykes, Honorary Commissioner of the New York Police Department, and although the party was not large, it was a most happy one. Another guest of honour was the Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police. Others present at the dinner table were the Rev. John A. McGoldrick, who has earned fame by building a church and a school, each of which accommodates about five hundred, and cost \$300,000, at Baldwin, Long Island; Captain Carson, of Philadelphia; Judge Kaarlo Ignatius, President of the Court of Appeal, Finland; Mr. C.D. Pugsley, lawyer and banker, New York; Mr. H. Sweet, Mrs. E. S. Sawtelle, Miss K. A. Larson, Mrs. M. L. Cleveland, Mr. Paul McGinnis (journalist), Mrs. Clarke, Miss H. L. Parkhurst and Sub-Inspector Dorling (Hongkong Police Force).

**INTERESTING SPEECHES.**

After Mr. Sykes had toasted Captain Britten and the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Pugsley made a short speech in which he dwelt on the able administration of the British Government in the Colonies. He also referred to Mr. Clarke, the director of the liner's cruise, who is making his sixth trip round the world, and his wife, who is making her fifth. He laid stress on the excellent service the Cunard line offered to travellers, after which he spoke of Hongkong, and expressed high appreciation of its beauties.

The Rev. J. A. McGoldrick also spoke, and made special reference to the good work Mr. Sykes had done for the New York Police. He dealt with the question of the care of widows, dependents and orphans of police who had lost their lives in the service of the city after being employed for only a few months. Mr. Sykes, he said, had started a fund to help them, and had dug deeply into his own pocket, and the pockets of his friends as well. He spoke in glowing terms of the splendid seamanship of Captain Britten, and referred to their visit to Hongkong as having been enjoyable, in spite of the adverse weather.

Both Captain Britten and Mr. Wolfe replied, thanking Mr. Sykes for entertaining them.

**DANCERS JOIN IN.**

During the time the speeches had been in progress, dancers in the Roof Garden, where the dinner was held, had evinced a lively interest in the proceedings and the whole room applauded the speakers to the echo. After one outburst of applause, Mr. Wolfe rose, and, holding his glass aloft, said that as the dancers were taking such an interest in their little gathering, he would ask them to join him in drinking the health of the good ship Laconia, its captain, its passengers, and among those passengers, Mr. Sykes, who was their host. Captain Britten had safely brought the party from New York through the Panama Canal as far as Hongkong, and he had no doubt that he would take the ship safely back to New York via the Suez Canal. The weather had not been so kind as the dancers wished that night, but to show their good feeling he would ask them to sing the old song "For he's a jolly good fellow." This was sung to the echo, followed by loud outbursts of applause.

Dr. Sweet said he had only one complaint against Mr. Sykes and that was he got them out of bed too early in the morning—(cheers). After paying tribute to Captain Britten, he added that he had another complaint to make against the captain, and that was that all the ladies had fallen in love with him—(laughter)—and deserted the rest of the gallants. Nevertheless they should feel thankful for the capable manner in which the captain had conducted the voyage.

Between courses, members of the party indulged in dancing, and were much impressed with the excellent floor, the delicately tinted lights, and the orchestra, also with the excellent service given by the

**TWO PEKING PICTURES.**

Dr. C. T. Wang at his desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition to being Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang is China's chief delegate at the Tariff Conference, Extraterritoriality Commission, and Sino-Russian Conference, all now in session in Peking.



On the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing of the Russo-Japanese Treaty, H. E. the Japanese Minister to Peking, Mr. Yoshizawa, wore for the first time his new decoration, the First Order of the Rising Sun, recently bestowed upon him by the Japanese Emperor in recognition of his services in negotiating this Treaty.

**RUBBER PRICES.****MR. HOOVER TWITTED ON HIS CONCEIT.**

Washington, March 18. Commenting on Mr. Hoover's recent statement to the effect that his campaign against high rubber prices had been effective, the *San Francisco Herald* says: "The hero who thought that his crowing made the sun rise. The paper says that Mr. Hoover is in danger of taking himself too seriously. If the price of rubber had been brought down simply by a little campaign on the part of the Secretary of Commerce, why does he not bring down anthracite prices, house rents and cost of living generally?"—*Reuter's American Service*.

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**BANK LOAN CASE.**

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that this is a dishonest claim. It cannot come to anything else than that. It is in effect: "You, Birkett, entered into a contract with Lammert, but you now make this dishonest claim on the money from Man Chuen."

**GROUNDLESS ASPERSIONS.**

Counsel went on to state that as a matter of law, cases had been heard in the Court where brokers were involved in similar transactions, and so far there had been no allegation of dishonesty, it being an absolute right of law to sue the undisclosed principal. "I am going to assure your Lordship that in fact this criticism which has been levelled against Mr. Birkett is wholly groundless. It should never have been made. It has no foundation in fact, and is based on fallacious arguments from certain documents."

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Potter further said: "What I still fail to see is how Mr. Birkett's frame of mind in September last could have any bearing whatsoever upon the position which was established between Chan and Tsang when the negotiations for the loan took place. I am not going to leave Mr. Birkett under this shadow of aspersion against his character."

In this connection Counsel dealt with the changes of front alleged against their presentation of the case, firstly that up to the 18th September, Messrs. Moxon and Taylor never had recourse to any one but Lammert's; secondly, that they then treated Lammert's as their agents; and, thirdly, that eventually they abandoned that position and treated Lammert's as they truly were, agents for the Man Chuen Bank. Those were the three so-called changes of position. All counsel would say was that if a man were convicted of dis-

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honesty under those headings. It would be a very bad thing for which he was convicted.

As conditions obtain on the Stock Exchange, Mr. Birkett must have a thought, even though it was an unconscious one, that in dealing with Lammert's he was dealing with a principal as yet undisclosed. This practice was generally understood by every broker on the market, otherwise what other purpose was being pursued when the Stock Exchange, with the view to protecting Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's interests, called upon Messrs. Lammert's to give the name of their clients, which Lammert's, in fact, did in their letter to the Stock Exchange on the 16th September? After further comment by Mr. Potter, the hearing was concluded, the Chief Justice reserving judgment.

**THE DEFENCE.**

The address for the defence was given by Mr. F. C. Jenkin yesterday afternoon. The first important point covered by counsel was that of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor standing by and delaying legal action against the defendant bank after discovery of its position as debtor for the loan in question. Counsel next came to the question of set-off of this debt against Lammert's indebtedness to the Man Chuen Bank and stated that this was no last-minute defence as, in evidence, it had already been shown that this measure was freely discussed with Lammert's authorised clerk, Mr. Chan.

In referring to letters which passed between Messrs. Moxon and Taylor and Messrs. Lammert's, counsel saw nothing in this to give the faintest idea that Lammert's were acting as agents for the loan, or any impression that Lammert's or Moxon and

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**NEW VICEROY LEAVES.**

Rugby, March 18.

Lord Irwin, the new Viceroy of India, and Lady Irwin, left London this afternoon for Marseilles, where they will embark for India.—*British Wireless*.

Taylor were other than principals in the matter of a loan negotiated between them for yet another principal, namely the Man Chuen Bank. For the "change of front" in the presentation of the case for the plaintiffs, Mr. Jenkin ascribed two reasons—first, that the transaction in its financial aspect would not support their original case; and, secondly, the inconsistency of the plea of agency with certain brokerage which Lammert's were to receive from the Man Chuen Bank, and his third point was, that the letter on the subject of the margin on the shares was of a character one would not have expected in a case of agency.

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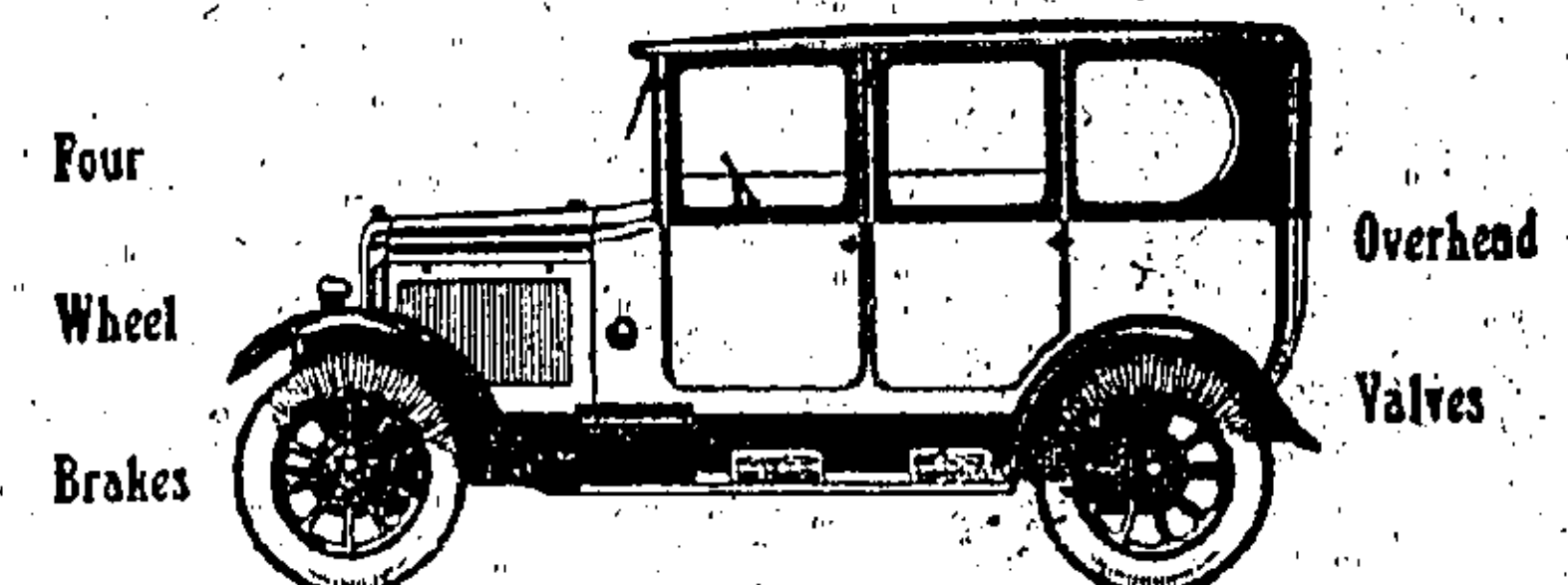
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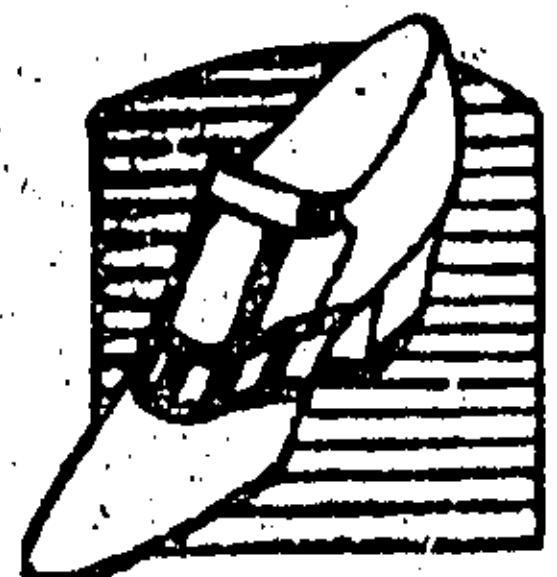
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## TRADE STATISTICS.

DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL FINANCE  
COMMITTEE.

## DIVERSITY OF OPINION.

The Finance Committee of the  
Legislative Council met yester-  
day to consider the question  
of re-establishing the Statistical  
Department. The Colonial Secre-  
tary presided and in introducing  
the subject said: Members of the  
Finance Committee will remember  
that at the last meeting we post-  
poned the subject of the Statistical  
Department of the S. I. E. It was  
abolished last year at the time of  
the retrenchment, and no criticism  
was then made. In fact the  
opinion of the Government that it  
was not value for the money spent  
was supported by several members  
of the commercial community.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale,  
speaking on the 17th October,  
1918, in the Legislative Council  
said:

"We particularly wish to know  
in what way the \$50,000 asked for  
this year for the Imports and  
Exports Office is going to be  
spent. We wish to know how it  
is proposed to construct this  
building, and are most strongly  
adverse to any piecemeal construc-  
tion such as was effected in build-  
ing the Law Courts, with such  
disastrous results."

"We hope the construction of  
this building does not foreshadow  
a continuation of the irksome de-  
mands of this office which we  
only put up with as a war mea-  
sure, and have very largely in-  
creased the clerical labours in all  
shipping and other offices. It  
must not be lost sight of that  
Hongkong owes its prosperity to  
the fact that until quite recently  
it was a free port and the sooner  
it becomes again a free port the  
better."

## The Chamber's Invitation.

Subsequently the S. I. E., Mr.  
Lloyd, was invited by letter from  
the Chamber of Commerce to dis-  
cuss with the Shipping Committee  
of the Chamber of Commerce, this  
very question of the continuation  
of the Statistical Department of  
his office. His report I will read  
to you in a moment, and we can  
take the report at its face value  
because there has been no further  
letter from the Chamber of Com-  
merce on the same subject. The  
report I may say is entirely ad-  
verse, and it is very clear that  
the Statistical Department cannot  
show value for money, and, in  
fact, is of no value whatsoever.

The invitation of the Chamber of  
Commerce was contained in a  
letter dated 28th April, 1924,  
which was as follows:

"With reference to the Govern-  
ment's letter dated March 28th,  
I am directed to enquire whether  
the Shipping Sub-Committee of  
this Chamber may have the  
advantage of a discussion with  
the statistical officer of the Im-  
ports and Exports Department on  
the subject of the suggested  
amendments to the regulations  
under the Imports and Exports  
Ordinance No. 12 of 1922. It is  
desired to discuss in connection  
with these amendments some sug-  
gestions whereby it is hoped that  
the clerical work of the Statistical  
Department, shipping companies  
and merchants alike may be re-  
duced."

## Mr. Lloyd's Report.

Mr. Lloyd, in his report, stated:  
"As directed I attended a meet-  
ing of the Shipping Sub-Com-  
mittee of the Chamber of Com-  
merce to discuss the proposed  
amendments to the Ordinance  
for the registration of imports  
and exports. The Sub-Committee  
at once raised the whole question  
of permits. They pointed out the  
trouble in getting permits before  
shipping or taking delivery of  
cargo. They suggested that all  
permits should be abolished, and  
in place, the steamship companies  
should furnish particulars of  
all cargo, or that merchants should  
be called on to furnish a periodical  
return of all cargo shipped or  
imported."

The Committee expressed the  
view that the collection of figures  
for purely Chinese exports and  
imports by coastal ships was more  
waste of time and money and that  
the Chinese merchants did not  
make any use of the statistics at  
all. It was suggested that the  
keeping of statistics should be  
confined to the import and export  
of cargo from and to foreign  
countries other than China and  
the neighbouring ports, such as  
Singapore, Manila, Formosa and

Borneo. The Committee were  
very sceptical as to the value of  
trade figures at all, and doubted  
whether the keeping of any figures  
was worth the time, money and  
trouble involved. Only two mem-  
bers dissented from this view.

Much emphasis was laid on the  
freedom of the port. Some of  
the shipping representatives pre-  
sent thought that all the neces-  
sary information in a "sufficient-  
ly" accurate form could be ren-  
dered by the shipping companies  
supplying a manifest in a slightly  
fuller form than at present, with  
values inserted, the amounts be-  
ing guessed from the standard  
packing usually employed in  
various trades. Many members  
did not see why value should be  
wanted at all. The merchant in-  
terested only wanted quantities.

I pointed out that for statistical  
purposes a common denominator  
was needed to show tendencies.  
The reply was that this only in-  
terested newspapers and writers  
of articles and reports. It was  
made quite plain to me that the  
average British business man  
in the Colony makes little use of  
statistics and can see little prac-  
tical use in them. This has been  
my impression since I have been  
in this office.

The Sub-Committee finally de-  
cided to ask the Chinese Chamber  
of Commerce whether the figures  
for purely Chinese coastal trade  
were of any use to Chinese mer-  
chants, and to ask the General  
Committee of the Chamber whether  
their statistics were of any prac-  
tical value and whether they could  
not be abolished, or at least very  
much simplified and confined to  
foreign ports only.

The Committee realised that  
statistics of trade might be of use  
for revenue purposes where there  
was regular taxation of various  
commodities, and the question  
arose of finding new sources of  
taxation, but they held that this  
did not apply to the present cir-  
cumstances of the Colony. The  
general feeling seemed to be an-  
tagonistic to the keeping of any  
statistics at all. I told the Com-  
mittee that if full figures were re-  
quired I could not recommend any  
alteration in the present system,  
taking into consideration the  
heterogeneous nature of the mer-  
cantile community we have here."

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Is there  
any covering letter to that to the  
Chamber of Commerce or a report  
of the Sub-Committee?

The Chairman: This is Mr.  
Lloyd's report to the Government,  
and the Sub-Committee and the  
Chamber of Commerce have never  
followed up that meeting with any  
communication to the Govern-  
ment.

## Penny Wise and Pound Foolish

Policy.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: To the best  
of my recollection Mr. Lloyd met  
the Sub-Committee of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce, and the question  
as a whole had never been dealt  
with by the General Committee of  
the Chamber. The first occasion  
the Committee had of dealing with  
it in recent years—we need not  
go back into the ancient history  
of 1918—was a letter from the  
Colonial Secretariat, dated 25th  
September, 1925, and stating that  
the department would be closed  
on the 30th September, 1925. It  
gave us exactly five days in which  
to discuss the matter. We held a  
meeting on the 28th September  
and there was insufficient time to  
go carefully into the whole ques-  
tion. You will note, Sir, that the  
objections which were raised in  
connection with this matter as  
being unnecessary and something  
in the nature of a nuisance, were  
raised almost entirely by the ship-  
ping members of the Sub-Com-  
mittee. The general merchant feel-  
ing—I think, Sir, I speak with  
some confidence—of the Chamber  
and of the Colony, is that you can-  
not afford to have a first class  
port like Hongkong standing as  
the only place in the world which  
does not keep statistical records.

The Chairman: Another factor  
is that we are a free port and can-  
not keep accurate statistics.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Even so,  
Sir, they can be kept within a cer-  
tain degree of exactitude and  
made enormously more useful by  
more sub-divisions, than they have  
in the past. Many of the records  
have been useless because whole

trades have been lumped instead  
of being differentiated between  
Statistical returns of imports and  
exports are of immense im-  
portance both to this Colony and  
the British manufacturers at  
Home. I submit, Sir, that the  
small sum compared with the im-  
portance of the figures required  
for keeping up this department,  
is well worth spending, and that  
it would be a penny wise and  
pound foolish policy to cut out  
the department altogether. I do  
submit, Sir, that it is a neces-  
sity, and that we cannot afford to  
do without it.

The Chairman: The opinion of  
the Government is distinctly ad-  
verse to this further request from  
the Chamber that we should re-  
consider the matter. His Ex-  
cellency is bringing the matter up  
for informal discussion now to  
see whether reasons sufficiently  
convincing can be brought for-  
ward to justify a reconsideration  
of the decision, which was formed,  
as I told you just now, on Mr.  
Lloyd's advice.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Can you in-  
form us how many copies of these  
statistics were bought by mer-  
chants?

The Chairman: I think very  
few.

Mr. Lloyd: In 1922 the total  
number of returns sold were, I  
think, about 284. That is for a  
whole year, of five issues.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The value  
of this department cannot be  
estimated by the number of copies  
sold.

The Chairman: The question  
being discussed is whether the  
statistics are worth the expendi-  
ture. The expenditure will be  
something in the region of  
\$70,000, and then the accommo-  
dation for a large staff would be  
in addition to that. We cannot,  
in any event, put it in hand this  
year.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The Com-  
mittee of the Chamber of Com-  
merce felt at the time the depart-  
ment was closed it was a retro-  
grade step, but as I already in-  
formed the Council we only had  
five days in which to consider the  
matter. From what I gather the  
discussion Mr. Lloyd had with the  
Sub-Committee of the Chamber  
was entirely with shipping men.

The Chairman: At the meeting  
with the shipping committee, the  
opinions were distinctly adverse.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: It was ob-  
vious the shipping companies  
would be opposed because it gives  
them a good deal of extra trouble.  
Whilst undoubtedly it did at the  
start give considerable extra work  
to shipping companies, to mer-  
chants and the Government de-  
partments, when it had been in  
operation for some time it began  
to work quite smoothly and there  
were practically no objections  
toward the end.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Why did the  
Chamber of Commerce appoint a  
Sub-Committee simply of ship-  
ping men?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I cannot re-  
collect the exact circumstances  
which led to the appointment of  
that Committee. It would be dealt  
with first of all by the Shipping  
Sub-Committee because the in-  
formation has to be supplied by  
them to Government officers.

The Chairman: It was simply  
an invitation from the Chamber  
of Commerce, sent by the Secre-  
tary, to know whether the Ship-  
ping Sub-Committee might have  
the advantage of a meeting with  
Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd: I think I can ex-  
plain it. I proposed certain small  
amendments to the regulations in  
order to tighten up the method of  
collecting the statistics. The Gov-  
ernment then referred them to  
the Chamber of Commerce. The  
Chamber of Commerce stated "we  
would like to discuss these between  
our Shipping Sub-Committee and  
the Statistical Department." I  
attended, and instead of the dis-  
cussion being confined to these  
very few small amendments that  
I put forward, the discussion was  
broadened out and finally resolv-  
ed itself, after about an hour and  
a half, into a general discussion  
as to whether the statistics were  
any good. The Sub-Committee  
decided it was a question for the  
General Committee, and the propo-  
sal was made finally that the  
whole question of whether the  
statistics should be abolished or  
not should be referred to the  
General Committee, who could take  
the general opinion of the mem-  
bers as to whether the Depart-  
ment could be carried on or not.

## The Chamber's Case.

The Chairman: The latter  
from the Secretary of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce sent in Decem-  
ber, 1925, was as follows:

December 11th, 1925.  
Sir,—I have the honour to refer  
to the decision of Government to  
abolish the Statistical Branch of  
the Imports and Exports Depart-  
ment as from 1st October, 1925,  
announced in a letter to the Cham-  
ber from the Superintendent of  
Imports and Exports, dated 25th  
September. This decision has  
been carefully considered by  
several Committees of the Cham-  
ber and they are unanimous in  
urging that trade statistics are  
of vital service to the commerce  
of the Colony, and that the  
Statistical Branch should be re-  
instated, the system of Import and  
Export Declarations being revived  
in order to provide the material  
from which the statistics are  
compiled.

It appears from discussions  
during the introduction of the  
Budget that the consideration of  
expense weighed largely with the  
Government in deciding to aban-  
don the compilation of statistics.

The Chamber would urge that the  
saving of \$44,000.00 achieved by  
closing the Branch, is of com-  
paratively small account in com-  
parison with the normal trade of  
the Port, which last year amount-  
ed to \$135,800,000. The statistics  
provide information of great value  
respecting foreign competition  
with British goods, the movement  
of commodities, and the fluctua-  
tions which occur from time to  
time in the staple trades of the  
Colony, for example, the rice  
trade, which in recent years has  
passed through vicissitudes clearly  
indicated in the statistics.

Through the present suspension  
of the Statistical Branch the effect  
of the anti-British Boycott upon  
the Colony's trade can only be  
vaguely estimated, although it is  
of the greatest importance to know  
as precisely as possible the  
strength and effectiveness of the  
attack now being made upon the  
Colony's vital resources.

This year, Export Trade is principally  
affected, but in 1926, the full  
effect will begin to be felt upon  
Import Trade, and it will be  
highly desirable to resume the  
compilation of statistics with the  
beginning of the year, in order  
that the hiatus may be as far as  
practicable reduced.

As to possible means of reduc-  
ing the cost of compiling statistics,  
it appears to this Chamber that  
clerical work might be lessened by  
classifying Chinese cargo under  
as few headings as possible. The  
Chinese Chamber of Commerce,  
in a letter to this body dated 27th  
May, 1924, expressed the opinion  
that the statistics of Chinese  
Trade with Far Eastern Ports  
have not much value to the Chi-  
nese shipping and trading com-  
munity. Totals cannot be neg-  
lected, because the purely Chinese  
trade forms so large a proportion  
of the whole, but until Chinese  
merchants express a desire for  
differentiation of particular items  
it is considered that native trade  
might be treated under a few gen-  
eral headings for Statistical pur-  
poses, and the Department con-  
centrate on articles of foreign  
commerce, in regard to which  
statistics are generally desired,  
and are more accurately obtain-  
able.

The cost of the statistics might  
also, it is suggested, be reduced by  
abandonment of quarterly publica-  
tion; publication of summaries only  
once a year; and sale of the statis-  
tics of each commodity on  
separate sheets as applied for, at a  
certain price, say \$1, per sheet.

The Chamber trusts that the Gov-  
ernment will find it possible to  
resume the compilation of the  
Trade Statistics at an early date.—  
I have the honour to be, Sir, Your  
obedient servant,

M. F. KEV.

Secretary.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Hongkong.

## Report Quoted.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The Cham-  
ber of Commerce report for 1924  
on this subject says:

"Exploration of the subject led  
to a discussion whether the  
Colony's trade statistics are worth  
the trouble and expense which  
their collection involves. A staff  
of from 40 to 50 clerks is required  
and the cost of the Statistical De-  
partment is apparently close upon  
\$100,000 per annum; and this to  
collect statistics which are admit-  
tedly incomplete, since the returns  
do not include, amongst other  
things, general cargo arriving  
from ports in China south of  
Swatow and from Macao, a portion  
of the cargo arriving from the  
Chinese ports of Swatow, Amoy  
and Foochow, and cargo carried by  
native craft."

"It was ultimately decided to  
take the opinion of Merchants  
generally, as to the usefulness, or  
otherwise, of Trade Statistics, and  
as to the suggested alternative  
method of compiling them. A con-  
siderable majority expressed the  
opinion that Trade Statistics are  
of great use for business purposes,  
although most of the British and  
Foreign Merchants set no value  
upon statistics of native trade.  
The Chinese Chamber, on being  
asked, expressed a similar opinion  
with regard to the latter statistics.  
A large majority favoured the sug-  
gested new method of rendering a  
combined periodical Return on one  
form, in preference to filling up  
an Import or Export Permit in  
respect of each shipment."

The Chairman: I know a gen-  
eral opinion was expressed in  
direct contravention to a previous  
general opinion.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: There will  
never be unanimity on this subject,  
because quite naturally the ship-  
ping men would be opposed to it.

The Chairman: For what rea-  
son?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Because of  
the extra trouble of obtaining per-  
mits and the possible holding up of  
cargo.

Hon. Mr. A.O. Lang: It does  
not inconvenience the shipping  
office to any very great extent. I  
think the permits are obtained by  
the merchants themselves.

The Chairman: Is the value  
worth the cost?

Unofficial Member's Opinion.

Hon. Mr. Lang: That is a  
point I am not in a position to  
give an opinion on at the moment.  
The question one must ask oneself  
is of what use are these figures?  
I cannot say that they are of any  
great value to the merchant what-  
soever. That has been my opinion all  
through and I have said so to the  
Chamber of Commerce, but my col-  
leagues out-voted me, and of  
course I naturally bow to the  
opinion of the majority.

The Chairman: I am not asked  
to put the matter to a definite vote,  
but simply to ascertain whether in  
a general discussion reasons can  
be given to convince His Excellency  
that the decision should be re-  
versed. So far we have a con-  
sensus of opinion on the other side,  
and not a unanimous general  
opinion. Shall I leave it at that?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If I could ascer-  
tain what use is made of these  
figures, I might easily change my  
opinion.

The Chairman: The Chamber  
of Commerce would be the right  
body to persuade you.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I certainly  
purchase every quarter copies of  
this publication, but I cannot re-  
member having referred to it for  
quite a considerable time. I have  
sent copies of the publication  
home, and it has been pointed out  
to me that the figures are not quite  
accurate.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: That is prob-  
ably true. Take a concrete exam-  
ple. If you want to find out a  
year from now what effect the  
recent condition of affairs has had  
on the trade of the Colony, if you  
abandon your department you have  
no means whatsoever of finding  
out.

The Chairman: Is that worth  
the money?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Perhaps  
not in itself alone, but it ought to  
be information which a part of the  
importance of Hongkong ought to  
be able to give. Any little town  
in England has its Statistical  
Department.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Is it not pos-  
sible to get practically all the  
information necessary in this con-  
nection from the Chinese Maritime  
Customs people? This, after all,  
is only a distributing centre—Hong-  
kong is not a consuming centre—and  
most of the goods exported will go  
through the Maritime Customs.

The Chairman: You would cer-  
tainly be sure of accuracy then.  
Mr. Kotewall, could you tell us  
how the Chinese view this ques-  
tion? Are the statistics of any  
particular value to them?

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: I believe  
about two years ago the Chinese  
Chamber of Commerce was con-  
sidered by the Executive  
Committee and not the General  
Committee. My Chinese colleague  
and I ask that the Chinese Cham-  
ber of Commerce be given an op-  
portunity to have the matter con-  
sidered again by a full General  
Committee.

The Chairman: Have you con-  
sidered it?

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: I think in  
the past it has been considered  
once—in 1924.

The Chairman: There was no  
great enthusiasm shown?

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: One way  
or the other, no.

The Chairman: As far as I  
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## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## THREE SENIOR GAMES

Three Senior League games are down for decision to-morrow afternoon, the most important being that at Sookumpoo where the East Surreys will try conclusions with South China. Providing no more rain falls, the "A" ground will be in splendid condition for a good game, and as the result will have some bearing on the championship, a good crowd should be present apart from the usual followers of the South China team.

The Surreys were in good form on Wednesday, but Garland, at centre-half was not nearly so dependable as was hoped. The Surreys should, however, win.

At Kowloon, the mainlanders have on paper an easy game, though the change in the forward line does not strike one as being a particularly brilliant move.

Several changes have been made in the team to represent the Club against the Police, the most notable being the transfer of Gerrard from right back to centre-forward. Gerrard has speed and weight and may infuse a little of the dash very necessary in the Club forward line.

The most interesting of the junior games is that between the Surreys Reserves and South China "A" on the Club ground. South China went down unexpectedly last Saturday and are likely to lose again.

Full fixtures, grounds and times are appended:

## Senior Division.

Surreys v South China—Sookumpoo—4.30.

Kowloon v Tamar—Kowloon—4.30.

## Junior Division "A".

Surreys Res. v S. China "A"—Club—3 p.m.

Kowloon Res. v R. A. Res.—Kowloon—3 p.m.

## Junior Division "B".

S. China "C" v Moslems—Sookumpoo "A"—3 p.m.

University v St. Jos. Boarders—St. Joseph's—3 p.m.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in League matches on Saturday.

1st XI v. H. M. S. "Tamar" on Kowloon ground, kick off 4.30 p.m.—Rasmussen; Wheeler and Reid; Turner, Sims, McKelvie; Taylor; Millard, Cavellie, Duncan, Hayes; Reserve: Linaker.

Reserves v. R. G. A. Reserves on Kowloon ground, kick off 3.00 p.m.—Avery; Guest and Knight; Street; Sibley, Ollier; Spary, H. Wheeler, Brown, Pasco, Miles; Reserves: Eastman, Nicholls and Hedley.

Club v. Police.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their League game against the Police on Saturday at 4.30 p.m.: Rodgers; Summers; Bishop; Lyon, Howard, Watson; Brodie; Forsyth, Gerrard, McBride and Key. Reserves: Pilo, Bowker and Morrison.

## BOXING.

## NEW BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.

London, March 18.

At the Albert Hall, in a twenty rounds contest for the British Heavyweight Championship, Phil Scott knocked out the holder Frank Goddard in the third round.—*Reuter.*

THE FIGHT DESCRIBED.

Goddard who was generously plastered with powder, presented a weird spectacle, his enormous bulk contrasting with Scott's muscular symmetry.

In the first round Scott landed a right which surprised the painfully slow Goddard. In the second round, Scott pierced the pitiful defence, but ran into a left, which seemed low, and went down for a count of six, but he finished the round by weakening Goddard. In the third round, Goddard opened aggressively but with little science and left himself dead open for Scott's left, which the latter followed up by a knock-out in the jaw with the right.—*Reuter.*

## LAWN TENNIS.

Tokyo, March 18.

The Japanese Lawn Tennis Association has decided to send three entrants for the Davis Cup to America, Tawara, Toba and Harada. Tawara is regarded as the best player yet produced by Japan.—*Reuter.*

## 21 YEARS AGO.

## EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the Telegraph files for the week ended March 18, 1905:

The rate of the dollar was 1s. 10/7/16d. on demand.

A notification is issued of the annual dinner of the Association of Yorkshiresmen, to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on March 18th, Col. A. Chapman being the Hon. Secretary.

At a P. W. D. auction sale, Mr. Alfred Byer purchased Rural Building Lot, east of Mount Gough Reservoir, containing about 40,000 square feet, for \$4,820.

The Volunteer Reserve Association held a shoot at King's Park, over 200 yards, in which Mr. J. H. Pidgeon came out on top. Other competitors were Messrs. N. J. Stabb, Gershom Stewart, C. E. H. Beavis, C. H. W. Kew, H. H. J. Gompertz and H. E. Goldsmith.

The Dallas-Bandman Company had a season at the Theatre Royal, staging such old favourites as "Three Little Maids," "The Girl from Kays" and "The Cingalese."

The wedding of Mr. H. A. Lamert and Miss Florence Shaw took place in St. John's Cathedral on March 14th. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss E. Shaw, as bridesmaid, whilst Mr. H. Seh was "Best man." The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. T. Johnson, and Mr. George Grimble was at the organ. A reception was later held at the residence of the bride's parents at East Point.

Share quotations include: Banks, \$740; Unions, \$695; Ferries, \$29; Steamboats, \$26½; Wharves, \$104; Docks, \$207.

As the result of a fracas aboard the British sailing ship King George, a Spanish seaman named Hernandez was charged with the murder of a Danish seaman named Olsen by fatally stabbing him with a knife.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. Ho Tung, at "Idlewild," Seymour Road, and stole \$500 worth of silverware and other articles.

The report of the China Sugar Refining Company showed a sum of \$1,003,812 available for appropriation, a dividend of over 50 per cent. having been declared.

A notice is published concerning the opening of the new Victoria School at Causeway Bay, the Headmaster being Mr. W. H. Williams.

It was notified that the new road through King's Park leading from Hunghom Road to Robinson Road would be known as Gascoigne Road.

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## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.  
Hongkong, \$1,055 s.  
Chartered, \$214 n.  
Moroantilo A and B, \$30 b.  
Moroantilo C, \$134 b.  
P. and O., \$91 n.  
East Asia, \$79 b.

Marine Ins.  
Canton Ins., \$620 s.  
China Underwriters, \$180 s.  
North China, \$145 n.  
Unions, \$285 s.  
Yangtze, \$444 b.

Fire Ins.  
China Fires, \$165 b.  
Hongkong Fire, \$570 b.

Shipping.  
Douglases, \$23 b.  
Steamboats, \$241 b.  
Tugs, \$21 b.  
Indo-China, \$38 n.  
Shell Trugs, \$8/6 b.  
Star Ferries, \$65 s.  
Waterboats, \$15 b.  
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.  
China Sugars, \$274 s.  
Malabons, \$39 n.

Mining.  
Bonguets, \$130 b.  
Kailans, \$2/6 b.  
Langkats, \$14 b.  
S'hai Explorations, \$15.50 s.  
Shanghai Loans, \$15 n.  
Rauhs, \$500 b.  
Urals Caspian, \$8 n.

Docks, etc.  
Kowloon Wharves, \$130 s.  
Whampoa Docks, \$634 s.  
Hongkows, \$160 b.x.d.  
New Engineering, \$15 b.  
Shanghai Docks, \$15.98 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.50 b.  
H.K. Lands, \$63 n.  
Realty, \$54 b.  
Territorials, \$51 s.  
Humphreys, \$144 b.  
Princes Bldgs, \$100 s.  
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.  
Ewo, \$15.940 b.  
Orientals, \$15 n.  
S'hai Cottons, \$15.54 b.

Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$114 b.  
Canton Ices, \$74 n.  
Cements, \$151 b.  
China Buses, \$104 b.  
China Lights, \$214 s.  
China Prov., \$8.10 n.  
Constructions, \$24 s.  
Dairy Farms, \$20 s.  
Der A. Wing, \$10 n.  
Electric, \$59 n.  
Macao Electric, \$40 n.  
Developments, 25 cents, n.  
Ropes, \$30 s.  
Telephones, \$340 n.  
Tramways, \$24 s.  
Lane Crawfords, \$11 b.  
Mackintosh, \$211 n.  
Peak Tanks, \$161 b.  
Sinceres, \$11 s.  
Taxis, \$4 s.  
United Asbestos, \$20 n.  
Watsons (Old), \$114 b.  
Watsons (New), \$11.10 b.  
Powells, \$10 n.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## MESSRS. A. S. WATSON AND COMPANY LIMITED.

The report of the Directors of the above Company for the year ended October 31st, 1925, states:

The net profit of the Company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of Acquired Water and other Machinery and Plant, Furniture, Fittings, Trade (tensils), Launches, Motor Lorries, Motor Car, etc., amounts to—

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year—

Leaving available for appropriation—

We propose—

To pay a dividend of 70 cents per share on 90,000 shares which will amount to \$63,000.00

Pay 52½ cents per share on 30,000 shares of the New Issue which will amount to—

Place to Contingency—

Account—

And carry forward to next account—

\$155,426.23

Board of Directors.—The existing Board of Directors consists of the Hon. Sir C. P. Clutton, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. J. Scott Harrison, and Mr. H. P. White, who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Company's Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. H. Greenwood, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

## TRADE STATISTICS.

## (Continued from Page 8.)

can see so far there have been no very convincing reasons that I can submit to His Excellency, for reversing the previous decision, but the opinion has been expressed on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce that Hongkong as a port of importance should have a statistical department.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I would not like to remain there. I should like the whole question reopened and gone into most thoroughly. I think a great deal more evidence can be produced to convince you that the case is not quite so flimsy as you consider, it or the argument so weak. After all it is not a very expensive department having regard to the value of the trade concerned.

The Chairman: It is not altogether the expense of the department, but the inconvenience to the community, apart from other considerations. If you desire that it should be left over it can very well be left. The two Chambers of Commerce can report in due course.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Will you write to the two Chambers and ask them for a further opinion?

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow: I should like to ask you to get the Government to write officially to the Chinese Chamber.

The Chairman: That can be done.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## COLONY'S TRADE FIGURES.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—This morning I read with considerable interest the discussion on the abolition of the Statistical Department, and would like to vent my views on the value of this particular office, based on its past methods. I should explain that my comment is from the retail merchant's point of view, although it necessarily has a certain amount of bearing on wholesale trade as well.

In the first place, the previous system was next to useless as far as the creation of an authentic record was concerned. A shipment of 25 cases of miscellaneous goods might arrive containing the products of from 20 to 30 different makers. In such instances it was absolutely impossible to discover from the schedule supplied by the Department, under what heading these goods should be classed. To work out faithful details would take an expert anything from one to two days. It was then ten to one that the Import Department would return the form with queries placed against certain lines.

If hosiery happened to be classed as hosiery (as it should be if the returns are to be of any value) all sorts of queries would be raised as to the proportion of silk and/or cotton and/or wool. By classing it under wearing apparel, no questions would be raised, and yet no manufacturer abroad could possibly discover the extent of the hosiery trade by referring to the volume of imports under the heading of wearing apparel! It is safe to assume that wholesale houses would save themselves trouble by grouping various lines under indefinite headings—Haberdashery being one of the favourite trouble-saving headings, but perfectly useless to either manufacturers or importers.

In other countries, it is necessary to submit the original invoices to the Customs, who employ specially trained staffs who are expert in grouping the many lines imported. The statistics thus provided are absolutely accurate, for the simple reason that the people who compile them know exactly what they are handling. The only point to be remembered in this respect is that the information divulged by the invoices is treated with the utmost secrecy, otherwise merchants would be penalised by the disclosure of the source of some of their supplies, information which would be of great value to unscrupulous competitors. Should the office be re-opened here, it should be staffed by trade experts, and on account of the small amount of merchandise involved, retail stores should be exempt from filing returns.—Yours etc.

RETAIL MERCHANT.

Hongkong, March 19th, 1926.

## BANKS.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.  
Authorized Capital—\$10,000,000  
Paid-up Capital—\$10,000,000  
Reserve Fund—\$2,000,000  
Sterling—\$4,500,000  
Silver—\$37,000,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors—\$30,000,000

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Hongkong, 27th Feb., 1926

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3½ per cent annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at OUR BEST RATES.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.  
A. H. BARLOW,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th, January 1926.

## THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

Head Office Hongkong.

Established 1912.  
Authorized Capital—\$1,000,000  
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LOOK POONG SHAN,  
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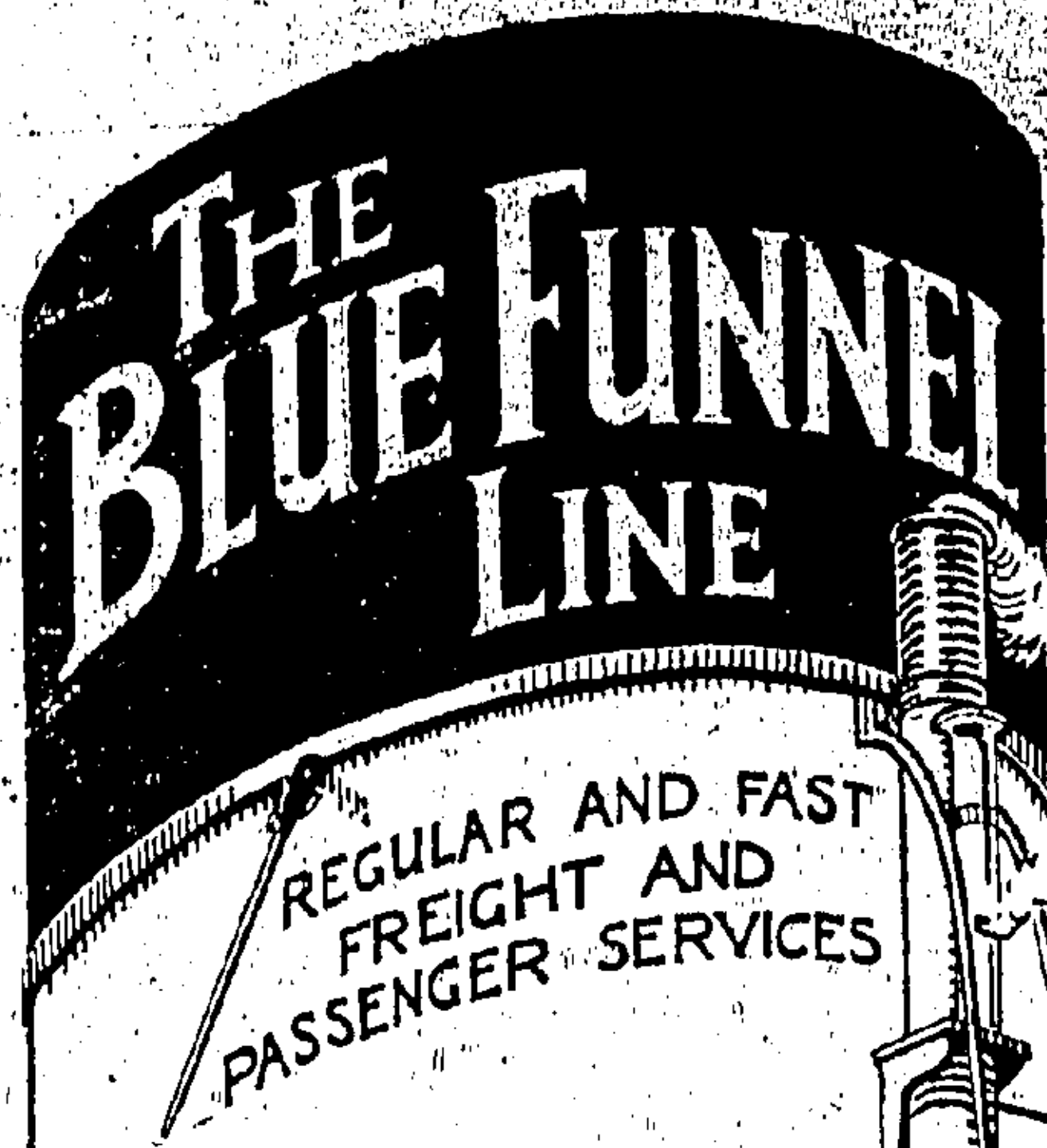
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The view that the British system of elementary education does not meet the need of local industries and is instead creating a craze to become clerks was expressed by Lord Southwark at the general meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce at Bath recently.

Lord Southwark, who is chairman of the Commercial Education Committee of the London Chamber of Commerce, moved a resolution urging a reconsideration by the Government of the present curriculum in elementary education with a view to ascertaining whether it tends to increase unduly the supply of clerks; whether it is overcrowded with subjects; whether it tends to the imparting of knowledge rather than to the true education of character and intellect; whether the education is sufficiently varied to meet the needs of local trades and industries; and whether the nation receives an adequate return for the expenditure on elementary education.

He said.—There is an unfortunate tendency to aim on every occasion at a post of a clerical nature, either in a Government Office, or a municipal office, or work of that kind.

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It was decided to add to the resolution the advice that local Chambers of Commerce should keep in close touch with education authorities.

Mr. Arthur Neal, formerly Minister of Transport, moved a resolution, which was carried, declaring that trade union and employers should get together to secure greater co-operation, ambition, and production and so avoid the economic and inevitable consequences of limiting production. He declared:

Employers should have courage to re-equip their works with the latest possible methods. There should be no limitation of the earning power of the man, but, as in the U.S., the working man's ambition should have full play. High wages do not connote high costs but high spending power.

There can be nothing more fallacious than the idea that wages can be based on the cost of living. They can only be based finally on production.

A resolution was carried urging that, in the interests of trade, the continued high costs of railway transport should be reduced and calling on the Government to insist on the economies foreshadowed on the grouping of the railways.

Madrid, Feb. 9 Prince Alfonso, Crown Prince of Spain, has had his first peep at ultra Spanish society. The nineteen-year-old Prince attended a grand ball given in his honor last night by the Marquis of Viana, Master of the Royal Household, to which Spain's nobility and the elite of Spain were bidden. King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, and the grandees members of the diplomatic corps and military and naval officers attired in their uniforms made the ball a scene of splendor. Although the Prince had attended numerous religious and civil fetes, he had never been permitted until last night to attend an evening function.

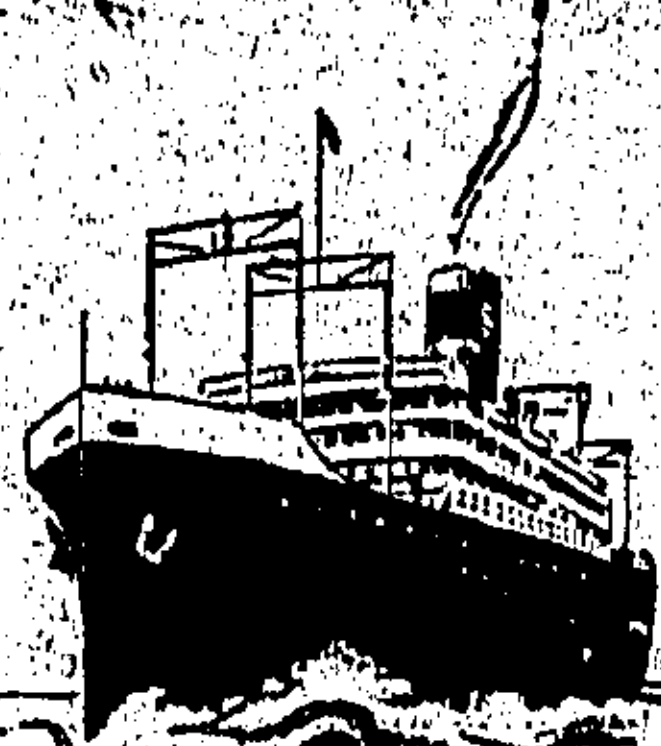
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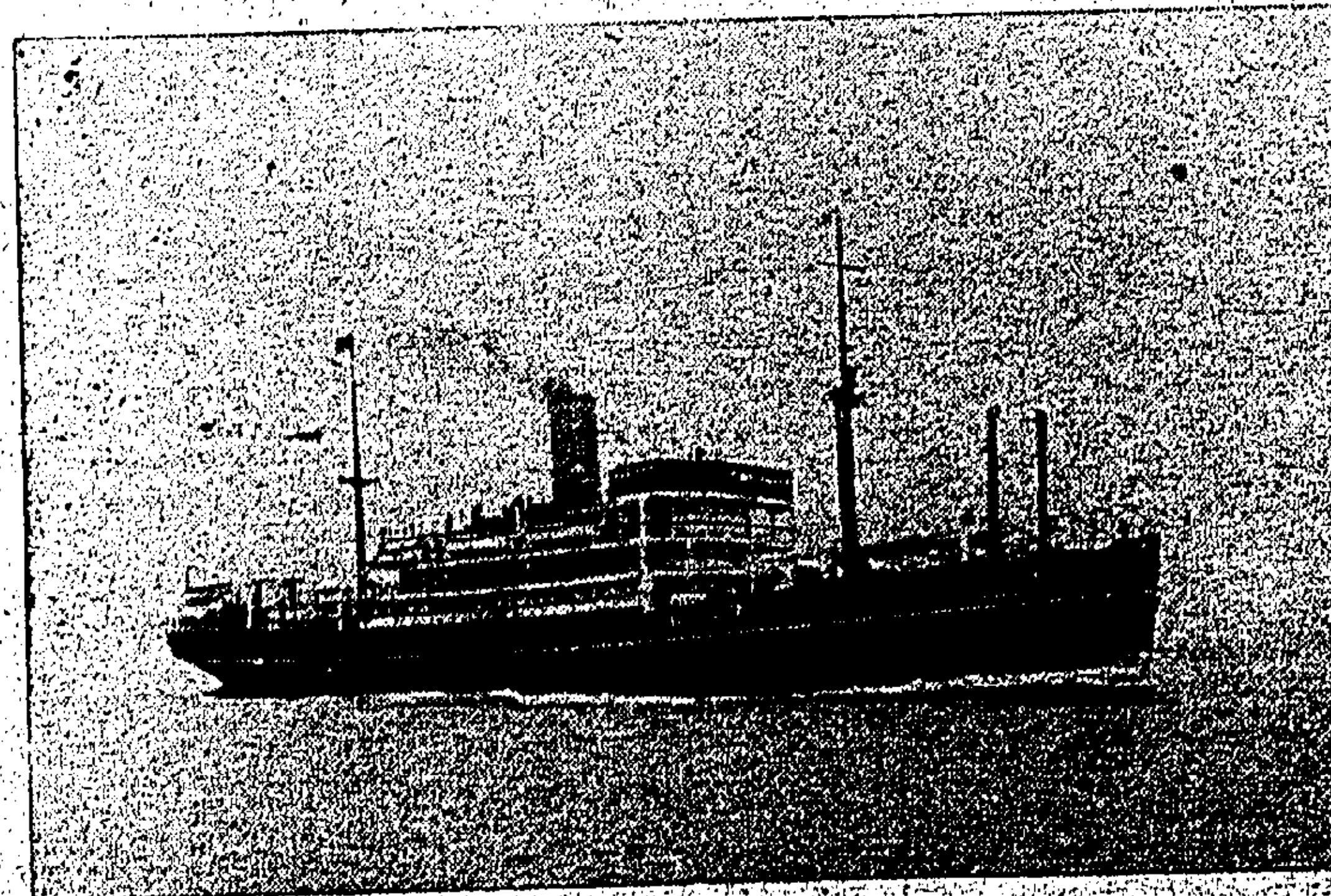
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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Thursday, the 25th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 22nd instant 1926 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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LAHORE	5,252	11th April	S'pore & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'ss. L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'ss. L'don & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,069	1st May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,105	15th May	Marseilles & London
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JAPAN	6,052	22nd March	Yoko, Kobe & Osaka
TILAWA	10,000	28th March	Shanghai, Moji, & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,069	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji, & Kobe
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Nearly 20,000 silk-worms, several farmers who rear them, many factory girls and weavers, and approximately a quarter of an acre of land on which to grow the mulberry-bushes that form the food of the 20,000 silk worms, go towards making Miyada's Spring outfit in Japan, according to Dr. Iwajiro Honda, principal of the Tokyo Sericultural College. Miyada in Japan, as elsewhere, is a very dainty and fastidious thing, and always demands the best.

Dr. Honda's interesting statistics are prompted by the fact that young ladies nowadays think little of what it costs to clothe them and keep demanding the best.

The Spring outfit of the luxury-loving Japanese flapper includes a set of two silk kimono, a silk under-garment of full body length, an obi, (that cumbersome wide sash worn over the kimono), a han-eri, (a sort of collar attached to the silk under-garment), and a koshimaki, or half-length under-skirt of crepe. These garments necessitate the use of about fourteen pounds of silk cocoons, which require approximately 20,000 silk-worms to produce. To feed these worms from the moment they are hatched till the cocoons are spun, mulberry leaves from trees that cover about a third of an acre are required.

Dr. Honda proceeds to say that, besides these items, no girl should forget the farmer's labour in planting and looking after the mulberry trees; the labours of the farmer's family in attending to the silk-worms; and the work of the country girls in the spinning and weaving factories.

## HALO OF GOLD.

## PRICE OF GOLD STANDARD.

"We must recognise," said Mr. McKenna, in addressing the shareholders of the Midland Bank, "that the transition to gold seriously impaired our export trade."

That was the danger foreseen and explained by us in these columns, says the *Daily Chronicle* at the time when Mr. Churchill took the ill-judged step which artificially forced up the exchange value of sterling. It meant that for some time the foreigner was required to pay more for our goods, for there was no compensating reduction of prices at home to enable us to sell them at the lower gold price, which now represented the same amount to the foreigner. Mr. McKenna points, as we have done, to the official trade returns, which revealed an abrupt drop in our exports from the moment when the Treasury began to take drastic measures with a view to the return to gold.

The whole of our export trade was badly hit last year by this unwise attempt to force the pace. But the industry which was hit hardest was that of the miners. At the very time when it was hoped that our coal exports would rise they reached their lowest point, and were kept down at this low point by the impossibility of producing at a competitive foreign price in terms of Mr. Churchill's exchange. The Government took the course which might have been precisely calculated to give a fatal blow to the coal industry, and, in taking it, it must bear a large share of the responsibility for the wave of low production and unemployment which had such disastrous results. It was bad enough that it should refuse to pay any attention to the mining crisis foreseen early in the year. How much worse must this neglect appear to all of us when we realise that the conditions which led to the crisis were gravely aggravated by the Government itself, in order to give Mr. Churchill's Budget a golden halo!

Belgrade.—Thirty-five gallons per head, including the children, is the alcoholic beverage consumption for the past year in the district of Zenica, in Bosnia, returns the Jugo Slavonian Government show. The district, holding beyond doubt the all-Jugo Slavonian championship for liquor consumption is put forward by the Government authorities as a candidate for the championship of the world. Large quantities of wine are made in the region.





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## LEAGUE FIASCO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

League at Geneva on September 1st.—*Reuter.*

### WASHINGTON SURPRISED.

Washington, March 18.  
Reports that the League of Nations may ask the representatives of the Washington Government to explain the American reservations to the ratification of the World Court has caused a great surprise in the State Department. Mr. Kellogg has stated that the Government is dealing directly with the 48 members of the Court regarding the acceptance of its reservations, which, it is understood, are approved by several Governments. Mr. Kellogg declined to indicate his action if the League persisted in attempting to deal with the matter.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### RUSSIA STILL BANS SWITZERLAND.

Geneva, March 18.  
M. Chicherin has informed the Secretary General of the League, that Russia is prepared to participate in the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Economic Conference on April 24, if the venue is not in Switzerland.—*Reuter.*

### GERMAN DELEGATES UPHELD.

Berlin, March 18.  
The Cabinet Council has unanimously approved of the attitude of the German delegates to Geneva.—*Reuter.*

### London, March 18.

The House of Commons debate on Geneva has been fixed for Tuesday next, March 23.—*Reuter.*

### COUNCIL MEETING CONCLUDES.

Geneva, March 18.  
The session of the League Council concluded after fixing May 17 as the date of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee to consider disarmament, on which the Argentina and Chile have been invited to sit as additional members.—*Reuter.*

## CHINA'S REPLY.

### DETAILS OF PEKING NOTE.

Peking, March 18.  
The official translation of the Foreign Ministry's reply to the Power's ultimatum shows that the latter portion, referring to the lodging of a memorandum by the foreign naval forces at Tientsin, giving a time-limit, reads as follows:—"Upon examination of the contents of this communication it appears that the naval forces at Tientsin thereby assumed an attitude which the Chinese Government considers beyond the scope of the Protocol. The Chinese Government cannot recognise this as an equitable means."

"The competent Chinese military authorities have been authorised to take proper measures regarding the different clauses in the said communication, at the same time requesting Your Excellency to communicate with the Ministers having naval forces at Tientsin, to the end that they, from their side, immediately authorise their naval officers at Tientsin to enter into relations with the local Chinese military authorities in order to find proper ways and means for the maintenance of communications to the sea. It is essential that no recourse should be had to extreme (too hasty) methods in view of the existing friendship between China and the countries concerned."

## EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March 18.

To-day's exchange rates are as follow:

Paris	2138
Brussels	121
Amsterdam	1213 1/2
Berlin	20 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Vienna	34 1/2
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	2 1/2
Buenos Aires	44 1/2
Shanghai	37 1/2
Yokohama	17 1/2
New York	43 1/2
Geneva	25 1/2
Milan	121
Stockholm	18 1/2
Oslo	22 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	34 1/2
Rio	1 1/2
Bombay	1 1/2
Hongkong	2 3/4
Silver (spot)	30 3/16
Silver (forward)	30 3/16

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in communication with Hongkong to-day:  
Japan, Devanha, President Madison, Kitano Maru, Tango Maru, Aki Maru, Celebes Maru, Empress of Canada, Namsang, Van Cloon, Tjilbeot, Tjilpanas, President Grant, Resolute, Kalyan, Amakusa Maru, Portos, Helena, Kidderpore, Hakata, Maru, Oura, Maru, Hongkong and City of Valencia.

## BREACH OF PROMISE.

### A CASE OF "REVOLTING HYPOCRISY."

Three times married, and now aged 56, James Tott, of Woodberry Down, Enslbury Park, was recently ordered to pay £300 damages for breach of promise.

"A story of revolting hypocrisy and deception—one of the worst cases ever placed before the court," was the description of the action given by Mr. J. D. Caswell, counsel for Miss Alma Grant, a typist, of Highbury-grove, London, in the King's Bench Division. Towards the end of the hearing Mr. Justice Horridge asked Tott: "Are you a deeply religious man?" "I was at one time," was the reply. Miss Grant's counsel, Mr. J. D. Caswell, said the couple met in 1920, when Miss Grant was 34.

Both were employed by the same firm, Miss Grant as head typist at £3 15s. a week and Tott as chief accountant.

Tott began his attentions by leaving love-letters on her typewriter.

### Meeting at Work.

At that time, said Mr. Caswell, he was not only a married man whose wife was living, but was the father of two other children. He said he was a widower.

One night in the street, after they had been for a walk, Mr. Tott proposed and Miss Grant accepted him.

Tott, who had been a Salvation Army officer, wrote on April 21:—

Well, my loved one, this is my day, and I will add, yours, too. The day I breathed life I entered this world as part of the Divine Will and purpose of His Kingdom.

From my first breath I have been tending to thee. Your life came; we have grown up, walked in life and through it all these years, and now come to the starting point of a joint life with one purpose—His Glory.

I will explain this great thought another time. This, dear, is a new day to me. I take you, dear Alma, right into my life.

Tott promised to marry the girl the following Christmas, but later changed the date to January 19.

### "Secret" Divorce.

Following a discovery by Miss Grant's father, the girl left home and went to live in a room in Seven Sisters-road, N.

The marriage was again postponed, and later Tott told the girl that he was a married man, but promised to get a "secret divorce."

After Miss Grant's baby was born, said counsel, the woman's plight became pitiable. Tott did not send money with any regularity, and she was in a state of absolute starvation.

A friend named Mr. Bailey was so amazed at her condition that he went to see her father and begged him to take her back, but he refused.

Eventually the child was adopted, and Miss Grant, who had previously earned £3 15s. a week, became a kitchen maid at a public house at 17s. a week. Later she obtained a situation as a housekeeper at 22s. 6d. a week.

Miss Grant said she had never been engaged to anyone before she knew Tott. "I never had a sweetheart before," she added.

Answering counsel, she remarked, pathetically, "I wanted to make quite sure he was the good man he said he was. I told him I was terrified at the thought of his being a married man or anything else unpleasant."

Tott had never said he was a "grass widower." She did not know what the phrase meant.

Mr. Justice Horridge: A grass widower is a gentleman who is temporarily separated from his wife, and is put out to grass like a horse. (Laughter.)

Tott, who was too deaf to hear questions from the witness-box, was allowed to give his evidence from the body of the court.

His first wife, he said, committed suicide 15 years after their marriage. He had told her that he had committed misconduct with a waitress. When she heard of this she worried and fretted.

Way to Truth.

After his wife's death he married the waitress. She proved to be already married.

Mr. Caswell: And she died?

Yes.

What happened to her husband?

I do not know. I did not see him until after the funeral.

Tott said that when he married his present wife he did not intend to live with her.

Mr. Caswell: Then why did you marry her?—It was a family

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action. I did not love her. The Judge: Tell us why you married her. Tott: I wanted to get to know certain truths about my brother and a young lady, and I could only get to know by marrying this lady. (Laughter.) Mr. Caswell: Was there also a young lady of Woolwich?—Yes, there was. I was engaged to her, but not when I was married. Mr. Caswell: That was one of the intervals. How do you explain the letter in which you talk of "His Glory"? I suppose you mean the glory of God?—Yes, that and what might be questioned about a statement which had been made by his sister, Tott said "She is not accountable for some of her actions." Mr. Justice Horridge: You are I suppose! The jury returned their verdict without leaving the box.

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